

Picture Book Project Rubric

1. Create a picture book based on your novel. Use either photographs, magazine pictures, drawings, etc. to represent things that happened in your novel. Put them together in booklet form with a front cover. **Portray at least 10 main scenes/ events** in the novel and **use a written caption with each picture** to explain what is happening. Picture books should tell the whole story, ending and all.

/5 Points	Cover Page	Title (2) Author (2) Illustration(4) Name (1) Date (1)
/13 Points	Illustrations	Photographs, magazine pictures, drawings depict scenes, setting, characters, etc. accurately.
/5 Points	Setting	The illustrations should cover the entire book. The setting of each scene is important and should be either detailed in the caption or in the image.
/10 Points	Characters	All your main characters should be portrayed accurately. If they aren't described physically in the book, come up with your own realistic portrayal of each character in each scene.
/12 Points	Captions	On each scene there should be a caption describing the plot or dialogue. The captions need to tell the entire story so make sure you choose your scenes wisely and your captions can tell the entire story.
/10 Points	Plot	The entire story needs to be told accurately. Use your report to help you make sure you cover all the important plot elements of your story. Your plot should tell the rising action, climax and falling action of your story.

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Movie Poster Project Rubric

2. Create a movie poster to go with the book you read. Select friends and/or family and/or famous actors to play major characters. On the back of your poster (or a separate sheet of paper), explain why you chose the actors for the parts. You also need to portray a scene from the book that helps illustrate the story. Be able to articulate the reason you chose that scene in your explanation.

/5 Points	Title / Author	You must (obviously) include the title of your “movie”/book. Also include that this movie is “based on the book by...”
/10 Points	Characters	How did you envision your characters throughout the story? Did one of your characters remind you of someone you know? Explain why you chose each friend or family member for each role in your book.
/5 Points	Setting	The setting is important to understanding the novel, so take your time to make the setting realistic.
/10 Points	Scene	Your scene should help engage the viewer in the story. What makes the story unique and what scene in the book helps tell that story?
/5 Points	Captions	All movie posters have captions encouraging people to come see the movie, what captions will bring an audience to your movie?
/15 Points	Explanation	On the back of your poster or a separate sheet of paper, be able to explain why you chose the actors you did for your characters, why you chose the scene you did, how the setting of that scene is important. (You should be able to write at least 2 full paragraphs for this!)

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Board Game Project Rubric

3. Create a board game based on your book. Design and build a board, any pieces or players, spinners/ dice and any other elements you need to play your game. Type a set of instructions for how to play (and win) your game.

/10 Points	Board	You should plan your game board according to either your plot or setting. Have purpose behind the spaces and advancement of the game.
/5 Points	Players/Characters	How many players do you need for your game? Are they characters from the story and what is their role?
/15 Points	Instructions	You need to have directions for how to play and win your game. What is the goal of the game and how does it relate to your book? Remember to include plot elements or events from your book and incorporate them into your game.
/20 Points	Explanation	This should be a short one-paragraph explaining why you chose to create the game you did, and how it is a fun way of telling the story from your novel.

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Comic Strip Project Rubric

4. Design a comic strip based on your book. The comic strip should contain 5 important scenes from your book with at least 5 frames per scene. Make sure your comic contains enough information to tell the story from your book.

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/5 Points	Setting	The illustrations should cover the entire book. The setting of each scene is important and should be either detailed in the caption or in the image.
/5 Points	Characters	All your main characters should be portrayed accurately. If they aren't described physically in the book, come up with your own realistic portrayal of each character in each scene.
/12 Points	Captions	On each scene there should be a caption describing the plot or dialogue. The captions need to tell the entire story so make sure you chose your scenes wisely and your captions can tell the entire story.
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Magazine Review Project Rubric

5. Write a magazine/newspaper review (critiquing and discussing) your novel. Examine reviews of other books in magazines/ newspapers to give you ideas on form, etc. Your review must be 500 words.

/5 Points	Title and Author	The heading of your review should contain the title of the book, the author's name, your name and the date of your review.
/15 Points	Characters and Setting	Make sure you introduce the main characters and analyze the character development of each person important to your story. Discuss the setting, what is necessary to know about the setting of your novel? How does it change the story?
/25 Points	Critique / Analysis	Use your book report to help you discuss the different elements of your novel. Remember, most reviews are discussing books people have not read and the review should entice people to want to read them. This should be an educated analysis of the overall importance of the story. Think about why the author wrote this story, were they successful in articulating any themes and/or morals? What did you most like about the book? Why should more people read this book? Remember to read other reviews to help you.
/5 Points	Grammar/ Spelling	Imagine this is being printed in an actual magazine or newspaper. That means your review should be free of grammatical and spelling errors. Make sure your sentence structure and overall paragraph flow make sense to your reader.

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Unit Study Project Rubric

6. Create a unit study for your book. The unit should include a discussion question for each chapter with answers. A worksheet or activity sheet for the book. A study guide and test.

/15 Points	Discussion Questions	You need one discussion question per chapter. If you have a lot of chapters, you can group chapters and have one question per group. You need a minimum of 10 discussion questions . If your book has less than 10 chapters, create more than one question for important chapters.
/15 Points	Worksheet or Activity Sheet	Be creative here -- make sure you are using this activity to help summarize, or engage your student in an important theme of the story. This can be any kind of worksheet.
/10 Points	Study Guide	Think about the important elements of a story (setting, character, plot, etc) and how you want your student to learn these different elements. You can layout your study guide any way you like.
/10 Points	Test with Answer Sheet	You can create any type of test that goes with your study guide. Make sure you are testing all the important elements of the story and that your test is fair. With a blank copy of the test, you also need to have an answer sheet or key.

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Alternate Ending Project Rubric

7. Didn't like the ending? Write a new one! OR write an epilogue: explain what happened to all the characters after the novel is over. The new ending or epilogue must fit in with the rest of the storyworld. Please be creative and responsible with this option! Your new ending should be at least 500 words, but it may be as long as you want.

/10 Points	Preface	Tell me where you're going to start your new ending. Give a short synopsis of what has happened so far in your book. This part can be in a different color, or italics so I know it's not actually part of your ending.
/30 Points	Body	How do you decide to end your story? Make sure your ending flows well with the rest of the story. Remember, no dragons or aliens if they haven't been part of the story so far. Be creative to end the story in a way that reveals more about your characters or the future for your characters. Make sure you don't leave any loose ends and all the plot elements, conflict and characters reach a resolution.
/10 Points	Spelling/Grammar	This is supposed to be the final draft of a story so make sure you have edited your story for spelling, punctuation, capitalization, etc!

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Screenplay Project Rubric

8. Write a short play based on your novel. Write the screenplay (script) complete with stage directions and recommend actors and actresses to play each part.

/5 Points	Cover Page	Title (3) Author (3) Name (2) Date (2)
/10 Points	Scene setting	Each scene in your play should be opened first with a description of where the characters are and who is entering when.
/20 Points	Dialogue	The majority of a play/ movie is the dialogue. It needs to both communicate the forward progression of the plot AND sound like a conversation between characters. Make the story believable and engaging. Characters are not going to talk to each other like they're reading a book, take your time and be purposeful about your dialogue.
/5 Points	Characters	All your main characters should be included in your play in some way. Make sure you are writing scenes that include them all
/5 Points	Overall Story	Your overall Screenplay needs to be a stand-alone story. Anyone who has not read your book should be able to know what it is about from start to finish!
/5 Points	Grammar/ Spelling	This is a polished final draft. There should be no spelling or grammatical errors!

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Movie Preview Project Rubric

1. Come up with a movie preview for your book. You've seen movie previews before, they don't give away the ending but they make you want to see the movie! Choose a couple scenes from the book and ask friends to be actors for your preview. Create props and settings to make your preview enticing to the audience! Use either iMovie or attach a video onto a Google slides presentation.

/5 Points	Title and Author	At some point during your preview make sure you let the audience know, this is a movie based on a book
/20 Points	Scenes	You should have at least 2-3 scenes. Choose your scenes wisely, make sure they tell something about the plot of the story, but NOT everything!
/7 Points	Setting	Use props or images in your preview to help depict the setting of your story. Make sure you are paying attention to details
/8 Points	Characters	If your friends are playing characters in your book, make sure they play the part! You want your actors to portray your characters to help make your preview exciting
/10 Points	Plot	Does your preview tell your audience what the book is about? What elements of the plot are important in understanding the overall story but not in giving away the ending?

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