

2023-2024 RMS Summer Reading Assignment for incoming 7th Graders

Novel: Students are required to choose a novel of choice that is grade level appropriate. Going to the library, purchasing a novel, or accessing a novel in electronic form via student portal Mackinvia, the Kindle, iBooks, and Nook applications are options to utilize. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

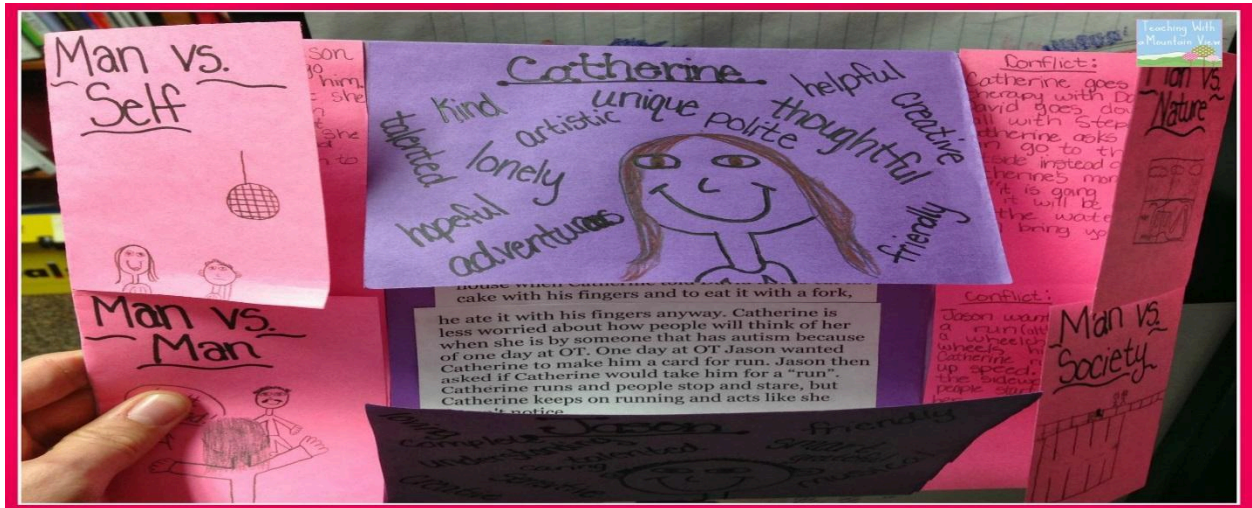
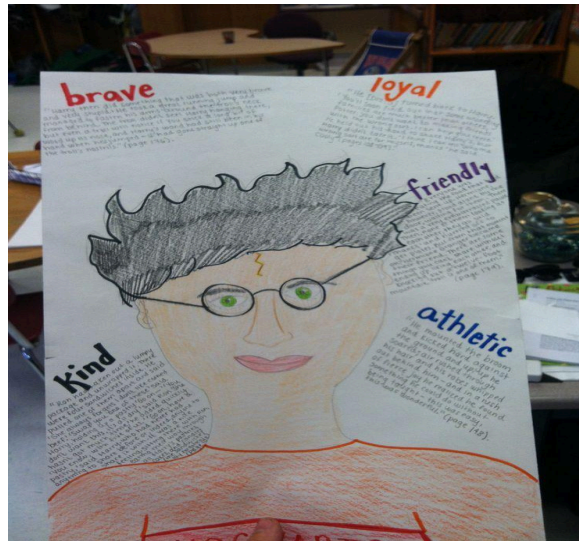
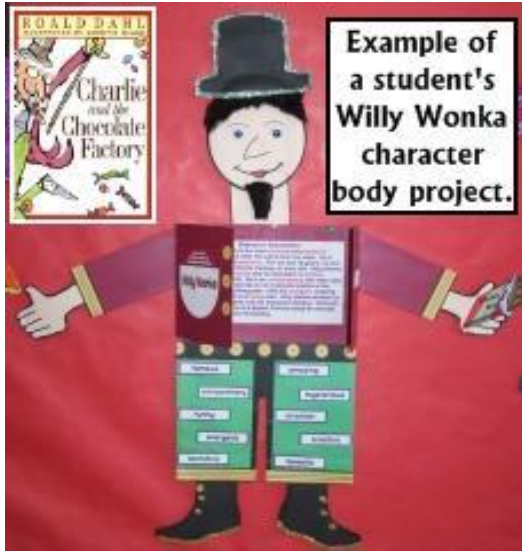
Essay Directions: The following responses must be done in order. Your responses must be answered in complete sentences. You **MUST** use strong details and examples to support your responses. This assignment must be typed in black ink, 12 point Times New Roman font, and double-spaced (Titles may be in larger font) You must include a cover page with the title of the book, the author, and your name. We will accept a handwritten copy, if and only if, it is neatly written in black or blue ink...No writing on the backside, please! Neatness and detailed information counts. Projects may be submitted via Google slides, Prezi, PowerPoint, or Poster board.

Components of the assignment are listed below:

- 1. Plot summary:** One page plot summary (main idea-what the story is about) – identify the exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution.
- 2. Setting:** A paragraph (seven or more sentences) giving the time, place, and atmosphere of the setting. Explain how the setting is significant (important to the story).
- 3. Characters:** A detailed character description of the protagonist and antagonist: five or more sentences for each character.
- 4. Theme:** Identify the theme (principle or idea of story: e.g. friendship, love, courage, survival, etc.) and explain.
- 5. Perspective:** This is the narrator's viewpoint from which the story is told. Explain, in two or three sentences, whether the narrator is 1st person, or 3rd person (limited or omniscient: explain).
- 6. Symbolism:** What objects, persons, places, or events are given symbolic meaning (do they represent or stand for something)? Explain what they symbolize.
- 7. Conflict:** Explain the problem of the story, indicating whether it is an internal or external conflict.
- 8. Reflection:** A brief paragraph on your thoughts and feelings about the novel. Would you recommend it to a friend? Explain why or why not.
- 9. Creativity:** Design a unique display of your novel's main character and include an analysis of them as well (see images for examples).

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Student examples:



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4 A Strong Project

Your project exceeds expectations.
All directions have been followed.
Writing is done in blue/black ink or typed.
Pictures are colored with pens, pencils, crayons, or printed in color.
It is obvious that you thought deeply about the book and your answers are insightful.
You used excellent grammar, punctuation, spelling, and complete sentences.
Work is extremely neat and creative
Your project includes the title and author's name.
Your first and last name /date

3 A Capable Project

Your project meets expectations.
All directions have been followed.
Writing is done in pencil.
Pictures are colored with pens, pencils, or crayons.
It is obvious that you have read the book.
You have some grammar, punctuation, and/or spelling errors or incomplete sentences.
Work is neat and creative
Your project includes the title and author's name.
Your first and last name /date

2 A Developing Project

Your project does not meet expectations.
Some directions have not been followed.
Writing is done in pencil.
Pictures are not colored.
It is difficult to determine if you read the book.
You have many errors in grammar, punctuation, and/or spelling or incomplete sentences.
More care needs to be taken with work.
Your project is missing the title and author's name.

1 A Limited Project

Your project is far below expectations.
Many directions have not been followed.
Writing is done in pencil.
Pictures are not colored and are messy
It is clear that the book was not read.
There are too many grammar, punctuation, and/or spelling errors or incomplete sentences to be considered passing for a middle school student.
Work is messy, hurried, or difficult to read.
The cover is missing information.

0 No project turned in