

Summer Reading Book Report Choices for 7th grade

Book = The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne

Choose one activity below and turn it in on the 1st day of school

1. Rewrite the story in a different time period. You may rewrite the story in a futuristic or past setting if it is set in the present. Stories set in the past may be written in the present or future. You may also choose to rewrite only a particular event in the story.
2. Write an extension of the story, explaining future occurrences in characters' lives
3. Write a parody of a book. This kind of a humorous imitation appeals to many children. Parody the entire book or one scene.
4. Put together a cast for the film version of a book. Imagine the director/producer wants a casting director to make recommendations. Decide who would be the actors and actresses. Include photos and descriptions of the stars and tell why each is "perfect" for the part. Write a report to convince the producer of the selections.
5. Write a letter to the author of a book. This shouldn't be a class assignment, and any letter should be entirely individual. While authors may not have time to respond to each letter they receive (they might not get their next book done if they did), they do enjoy letters from their readers -- especially those that discuss the book on children's own terms. Send letters in care of book publishers if you can't locate the author's address in WHO'S WHO, CURRENT BIOGRAPHY, or other reference sources.
6. Write in the diary a main character might have written. Imagine you are the person in your book. Write a diary for a few days or weeks as he or she would have done.
7. Convert a book into a puppet show. Make simple puppets (stick puppets, finger puppets, paper bag puppets, and so on), and present the story or an exciting scene from it. Also applicable to shadow puppetry.
8. Prepare a television commercial about a book. Imagine a book is the basis for a mini-series on television. Prepare and give the television commercials that would make people watch for it.
9. Make a new book jacket. It should include an attractive picture or cover design, a summary of the book, information on the author and illustrator, and information about other books by the author.
10. Create a mobile which illustrates the tone, mood, setting, characters, theme, or symbols in a book.
11. Make a ceramic figure which illustrates a character or symbol from the book.
12. Make a diorama or shadow box depicting the setting, characters, or the theme forms your book. Shoe boxes are ideal for this project.
13. Make a movie that includes characters or ideas from the book you've read.
14. Create a game complete with playing board and directions using situations and or characters from a book.
15. Convert the events of a story into a ballad or song. Write the lyrics and music or adapt words to a melody by someone else.