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Due Date: 8/27/2020

Summer Independent Reading Projects

All Westbrook High School students are required to read ONE grade-appropriate book of choice over the summer. After reading a grade-appropriate book that interests you, complete one of the projects listed below. **All individual reading projects are due on the FIRST day of school. Please scroll through to the bottom for some online options on obtaining a book.** If you are struggling to find a book, please reach out as soon as possible to an English teacher or Ms. G for suggestions.

1. Journal as you go

As you're reading, keep a two-sided journal (also called a double-entry or dialectical journal). Fill the left side with quotes from your novel (include page numbers). Use the right side to respond to each quote with your questions, predictions, thoughts, observations, etc. Avoid just summarizing the novel. Each response should be at least 4 sentences in length. You should have at least 15 entries that span the entirety of your novel.

2. Map your book

Create a poster-sized map or digital equivalent noting where 10 important scenes in your novel take place. Each location needs to include a picture/drawing and a paragraph (5+ sentences) explaining why the location is important.

3. Theme Park

Map out an amusement park based on the themes, big ideas, characters and tone of the novel. Be sure to include the park layout with a map key and short summary of each attraction (rides, shows, food court, shops...). Your park should include at least 7 attractions/rides, a food court and 2 shops. Don't forget a first aid/bathroom area!

4. Design a Soundtrack

Create a 10-song soundtrack for your novel. Include the song title and artist of each track. For each song, write a paragraph (5+ sentences) explaining how the lyrics align with your novel.

5. Book Trailer

Create a 3-5 minute trailer for your book using original footage. Include a typed 1-page reflection that explains your choices.

6. Act It Out

Choose a major scene from your novel to act out and record. Costumes, props, and a backdrop are required. The scene should be 3-5 minutes long. Include a typed 1-page reflection that explains your choices.

7. Picture Book / Graphic Novel

Create a children's book or graphic novel adaptation of your summer reading. (Please note: You cannot create a graphic novel if your summer reading already is one!) Illustrations and a minimum of 10 pages are required (the front and back cover do not count as pages).

8. Letter to the Author

Write a 2-3 page formal letter to the author about which aspects of your novel you liked (or did not like) and which moments you connected with the most. Include at least 5 direct quotes from the text. (You do not have to mail this letter to the author unless you would like to.)

9. Compare and Contrast

Compare and contrast your novel with one of the pieces you read over the last school year. You may choose to do this using a double-bubble map on poster paper or a digital equivalent. You should have a minimum of 30 detailed points.

Project Rubric

	Advanced (10 pts.)	Proficient (7 pts.)	Developing (4 pts.)	Beginning (1 pt.)
1. Set-up & Focus: Uses proper MLA format and headings (if applicable). The piece sticks to the chosen prompt and follows directions.				
2. Organization/Visual Quality: Uses appropriate transitions to organize ideas. Multiple paragraphs are included and/or the project is neat and laid out with care. The piece is easy to follow and understand.				
3. Creativity & Originality: Demonstrates original, unique thought. The project is interesting to read and/or view. An effort was made to think outside the box.				
4. Critical Thinking & Making Inferences: References/cites the text(s) accurately and offers new insights on the text(s) and/or human nature. States more than the obvious.				
5. Grammar & Mechanics: Expresses thoughts clearly and concisely with strong vocabulary and varied sentence structure. Adheres to conventions of sentence structure, punctuation, agreement, spelling, and capitalization. Shows evidence of proofreading and revision.				

Total:

/ **50 pts.**



Hi Students,

It's that time again, where can you obtain your summer reads? This guide was created for you.

Whether you like to read on your phone, tablet or computer, or a physical book, this guide will help you find your summer reads!

**If you have any questions please reach out to Ms. G
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Online eBooks

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<https://researchitct.org/eaudioebooks/>

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<https://www.audiobooksync.com/> Sync is sponsored by Audiofile magazine. Between April 30 and late July, two audiobooks will be dropped for FREE download each week. There are some amazing titles for grades 9-12 and even for adults on the list. The best

thing about this program is that there is no limit to how many people download the audios, so an entire class will have access to the same titles. Yes, they're audiobooks, not ebooks. Listening skills are important, too--and most teens today have some sort of device. The pairings are related in some way: theme, genre, etc.

[Junior Library Guild](#) is offering free access (no log in) to fiction and non-fiction books. Once on the site, scroll down to the **Red Boxes** to select **High School Stream**.

[Big Timber Media](#) hosts over 10,000 eBooks on their platform from many of the top publishing partners in the industry today. No registration is required for this free offer and can be accessed by students, parents, educators, and public libraries by simply visiting this link.

Audible is offering free access to a selection of audio books.
<https://stories.audible.com>

Sora will be available check back for the working link.

Physical Books(books in your hand!)

Curbside Pick up at Westbrook Public Library!

[Westbrook Public Library](#)-Mr. Daniels and his staff can help with their collection. They will check books out to students and put them in a bag with the student's name on it. They will put the books on a cart outside the front of the library.

They can come by and pick them up. Just go to the LION catalog and search your books.

A screenshot of a web interface for a library catalog. At the top, there is a dark teal button with the text "LION CATALOG" in white. Below this button is a white rectangular search input field. Underneath the input field is a smaller teal button with the text "Search Catalog" in white.

Email **westbrook.public.lib@gmail.com** to obtain the book of your choice-
Call the library at 860 399-6422 and leave a message

Little Free Library

Check out our town's Little Free Library located on the front of the Westbrook Town Hall. You may find a book there. Little Free Library's motto is *take a book leave a book*, so if you can donate a book, that'd be great too!!

Purchasing books:

Here's a few suggestions

RJ Julia Online Book Fair for high schoolers. Click on this [link](#) to purchase a book through RJ Julia. WHS Library has a wonderful partnership with RJ Julia.

[Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

<https://www.bookbub.com/>

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