

## **Nonfiction Book Report**

Please write in paragraph form/list form (see below). Please use complete sentences in all sections EXCEPT with the vocabulary.

Part 1 - Use complete sentences to state this basic information about the book:

Name of the book

Name of the author

Publishing company

Date of publication

Number of pages

Part 2 - Subject matter: Tell the subject matter in several well-thought out sentences. Give details.

Part 3 - Facts: List the facts in complete sentences.  
Share 4 facts you learned from reading the book.

Part 4 - List: Vocabulary

Share 3 new vocabulary words you learned from reading the book. Write the definitions of these words.

Part 5 - Opinion: Explain your reasons in several well thought-out sentences.  
Did you like the book? Why or why not? Would you recommend this book to a friend?  
Why or Why not?  
(You may not use "interesting" or "funny" as a reason.)

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### **Fiction Book Report:**

Please write in paragraph format. Use complete sentences.

#### **Paragraph 1: Introduction**

Title of the book

Name of the author and illustrator

Year the book was written

Genre of the story

#### **Paragraph 2: Characters**

List the main characters in a sentence or sentences.

Name your favorite character and describe the character in detail.

Tell why he/she is your favorite character.

(You can choose more than one character.)

#### **Paragraph 3: Setting**

Describe the specific setting or settings of the story.

#### **Paragraph 4: Plot**

In several sentences, write about the plot.

What happens in the beginning, middle, and end of the story?

Did the characters face any problems? If so, how were they resolved?

#### **Paragraph 5: Opinion**

What is your favorite part of the story? Did the story teach any lessons? Would you recommend this book to a friend?

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# Collage Book Project

## The Project

Create a collage using pictures that represent important parts of the book.

## The Details

- Use a large piece of poster board for your collage.
- Make sure the title and author of the book are displayed prominently on your collage.
- Include at least 15 pictures. You can use pictures that you cut from magazines, printout from the internet, or draw yourself.
- On a separate piece of paper, write a descriptive title for each picture that you included and a sentence or two about why it was important to the book. For example, if you read one of the *Harry Potter* books, you could include a picture of a lightning bolt and write about why Harry has that mark on his forehead.

## Tips for Success

- ✓ As you read the book, keep a list of important characters, events, and objects to use in your collage.
- ✓ Remember that in a collage, pictures overlap a bit on the edges.
- ✓ Be sure to glue the edges and corners down carefully to make your collage look neat.

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# Shoebox Diorama

## The Project

Create a shoebox diorama of an important scene from the book.

## The Details

- Use a shoebox set on its side to create your scene.
- Use small objects such as toys, construction paper, and clay to create your scene. Be sure to decorate the inside walls of your box.
- The title and author of the book should be displayed somewhere on the outside of the box.
- Write or type a paragraph about your scene. Explain what is happening in the scene and why it is important to the book. You can glue your paragraph to the box or leave it separate.

## Tips for Success

- ✓ You can place the lid under the box to create more space for your scene.
- ✓ Include details in your scene to make it look more realistic.
- ✓ You can make people and animals from clay, wire, or cardboard or you can use small toys.

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# Movie Poster Book Project

## The Project

Pretend the book is going to be made into a movie. Create a movie poster to promote the movie.

## The Details

- Use a large piece of poster board for your poster.
- Your poster should include the following elements:
  - The title of the book in large letters and the author of the book.
  - A picture of an important scene from the book (do not duplicate the front cover of the book.)
  - A brief summary of the book, that will make people want to see the movie, but does not give too much away.
  - The names of the actors that will play the main characters (you can use real actors or you can make up names.)
  - 2–3 brief comments from critics (you can make these up.)

## Tips for Success

- ✓ Look at movie posters, DVD covers, and advertisements to get ideas.
- ✓ Plan out your poster first so you will have room for everything.
- ✓ Use bright colors.
- ✓ You can write directly on the poster or type the elements out on the computer and cut out and glue the printouts to your poster board.

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# Graphic Chapter Book Project

## The Project

Choose a chapter from the book and present it as a graphic novel (comic strip style).

## The Details

- Present your graphic chapter in book format with a front cover, several pages and a back cover.
- The front cover should include the title of the book and chapter, name of the author, and a large picture of an important scene.
- The pages should tell the story in frames with pictures, captions, and thought and speech bubbles.
- The back cover should include an *About the Author* paragraph about you (not the author of the book).

## Tips for Success

- ✓ Try to choose a chapter that will not be too hard draw. Choose one that has several different scenes and characters.
- ✓ Plan your graphic novel out ahead of time. Decide what will go in each frame and on each page before you begin to draw and write.
- ✓ Consider using a computer to make the comic frames. You could make a chart for the frames or use the *shapes* tool.
- ✓ You do not have to include all the dialogue in the chapter - just enough to tell the story.
- ✓ Be sure you accurately reflect the settings and characters. If the author says the main character has curly hair, draw her that way.

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# Main Character Book Project

## The Project

Make a 3-D model of the main character of the book and write an interview with the character.

## The Details

- Use clay, wire, fabric, Paper Mache, or another medium to make a realistic model of the main character of the book.
- Write 8 questions that an interviewer might ask your main character. For example, if you read *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* you might ask questions like, "How did you feel when you found the last Golden Ticket?" and "Why did you decide to take Grandpa Joe to the chocolate factory?"
- Answer each question writing in the voice of the character.

## Tips for Success

- ✓ As you read the book, write down questions that you might want to use for your interview.
- ✓ Try to make your questions open-ended so that they take more than a word or two to answer. For example, instead of asking, "Was it hard to be so poor?" it would be better to ask, "What were some of the ways that being poor was hard on your family?"
- ✓ Try to make the answers to the interview questions sound like the main character. If there is a phrase the character repeats often, use it in the answers. If the character speaks with an accent, then try to write using that accent.

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# Mobile Book Project

## The Project

Create a mobile using the four story elements of your book.

## The Details

- Your mobile will have 5 parts: title and author, setting, characters, plot, and theme.
- Use the title and the author to decorate the part of your mobile that the other parts will hang from.
- For each part, find one or more small objects or pictures to represent that part of the story.
- For each object or picture, make a 3x5 note with a paragraph explaining why that object or picture is important to the story.
- Tie or tape the object and the note card to a piece of string or thread and hang it on your mobile. You can have several objects and note cards on one string - for example, if your story has 3 main characters, you could have 3 objects and 3 cards on one string. Use a different string for each story element for a total of 4.

## Tips for Success

- ✓ A wire hanger makes a good mobile. A stick or a pair of sticks tied together in a cross will also work.
- ✓ If you use pictures, glue them to a cardboard backing. You could put two pictures back-to-back.
- ✓ Try to place your strings so that your mobile balances evenly.

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# Scrapbook Book Project

## The Project

Pretend you are the main character of the book. Make a scrapbook with items and pictures that are important to your life and to the story.

## The Details

- Make your book at least five pages long.
- Include at least 20 items and/or pictures.
- For each item or picture, include a caption explaining what it is and why it is important.
- Decorate the front cover. Be sure to include the name of the main character.

## Tips for Success

- ✓ As you read the book, keep a list of ideas for things to include in your scrapbook. For example, if you read *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, you might include: A picture of your family, the Golden Ticket, a Wonka Bar Wrapper, a picture of an Oompa Loompa, a list with the names of the other children who got to go on the tour, etc.
- ✓ One way to organize your scrapbook is to do a page for each chapter.
- ✓ You can get pictures from magazines and the internet. You could also draw them or take pictures with a camera and print them out.

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# Board Game Book Project

## The Project

Create a board game based on your book.

## The Details

- Your board game should incorporate the setting, characters, and plot of your book. Your game should include:
  - A board that is used to play the game. Include the title of the book and the author somewhere on the board.
  - Pawns, cards, spinner, dice, and anything else needed to play the game.
  - Instructions explaining how the game is played.
- Your board game should be decorated and look fun to play!

## Tips for Success

- ✓ Poster board makes a good game board. You could also use the inside of a large file folder.
- ✓ Be sure to plan your game board out before you begin creating it.
- ✓ The easiest way to incorporate parts of the story is to include them on the board. Players can advance spaces for good things that happen and go back spaces for bad things.
- ✓ You can also use cards and the game pawns to incorporate story elements.
- ✓ You will need to devise a method for moving from start to finish. Consider dice, cards, or a spinner.
- ✓ Be sure your directions are sequential and easy to understand.

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