

English 10
Independent Reading Project

As a part of English 10, students will be required to read 2 books independently, one per semester. For semester 1, I would like you to choose a realistic fiction/science fiction novel. For semester 2, I would like you to read non-fiction (memoir, biography, etc.). **Choose a book that you will enjoy reading!**

Common Core

Reading Literature/Informational Text 1; Writing 5, 6, 7; Speaking and Listening 5;

Purpose

(1) To find enjoyment in reading for pleasure and to develop critical thinking skills in preparation for college and future employment © (2) To understand the role technology plays in communication and collaboration.

All books should be age (and school) appropriate (no children's books) and at your reading level. You do not need to read a 400-page book, however I would like you to push yourself and choose a book that is a substantial length. You need to have your book chosen, and a signed book proposal sheet turned in by **Friday September 20**.

Project Guidelines

In order to show that you have read your book comprehensively, you will also complete a project as part of this assignment. In order to receive full credit for this assignment, you must engage the major ideas in the book. Your project will consist of the following 3 parts:

1. As you read your book, you will need to complete a "book check" packet (I will give this to you).
2. After you read your book, you will use your "book check" packet to create a power point slideshow highlighting the major ideas of your book.
3. You will then present your power point/book to the class. (rubric to follow)

Take Note:

1. You must read your book thoroughly and critically!
2. You must complete a book proposal each semester in order to get your book approved by the teacher and your parent(s)/guardian(s)
3. You may change your book during the semester however you must complete another book proposal before doing so. Keep in mind that if you do change your book, you must still complete your project by the deadline!

Grading

The entire project will be worth 100 points (50 for the "book check" packet and 50 for the presentation) and will be graded on clear connection to book, creativity/originality, neatness and organization, and evidence of effort. Rubric to follow!

Deadlines (subject to change)

| Semester | Due Date |
|----------|------------|
| 1 | December 4 |
| 2 | May 15 |

