

Social Studies 9 - Novel Study Project
DUE Thursday February 23

Project Description:

Having used the Social Studies skills you have learned from Mrs. Wan, and the skills you will acquire over the next month, you will put together a representation of your learning regarding the novel you chose at the end of last term. This project is about choice, creativity, critical thinking, and reflection.

The **BIG IDEA** for this project is for you to show you have learned the significance of conflicts, war, or revolutions on society and identity.

Social Studies 9 Competencies You Will Use:

- Drawing conclusions about a problem, an issue, or a topic
- Explain different perspectives on past or present people, place, issues or events
- Assess the significance of people, places, events, or developments and determine their historical significance at particular times and places
 - Accurately cite sources

Work Load:

I am expecting you to manage your time wisely with this project particularly with independently reading your novel. You will have 3 work periods from now until the due date to work on your project. It is your RESPONSIBILITY to bring supplies, your book, and some ideas, on these work dates below.

Wednesday Jan. 18 – In Class Work
Friday Feb. 9 – Library – Computers Available
Friday Feb. 17 – Library – Computers Available

Ways to Present Your Learning:

All of these forms will follow the basic format of a book review, which include things such as a description of main characters, the plot of the story, your opinion on the book, if you would recommend it, and most importantly in this course – it's connection to the impact of conflicts, war, or revolutions on society and identity.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PowerPoint Presentation• Prezi Presentation• Keynote Slideshow• A Creative Piece of Art• A Movie Trailer (1-2 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Scrapbook of the novel• <u>A Formal Written Book Review</u> (approx. 500 words)• A Letter from a character (approx. 500 words)• Other ideas are welcome if approved by myself
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Please go to teachermaxwell.com for extremely helpful links to guide you with this project.

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Your Project must include 3 things:

1) **A Hard Copy to Hand in**

You must hand me a project at the end of this assessment (Printed report, USB, Piece of Art, scrapbook, etc.).

2) **A Short Reflection of your process:**

This must be a minimum of 150 words. Use some of these questions to help guide your reflection piece:

- What techniques did you use to read your book?
- What parts of your project did you struggle with? Why do you think you struggled with these sections?
- What part of this project did you excel at? What part are you most proud of?
- How do you think you did on this project? What mark do you think you deserve?

3) **A Bibliography in MLA style:**

Whether you cite just the book that you read, or if you do additional research on the topic discussed in your book, you MUST cite them. REMEMBER as you work, to write down anything you use to help you with your novel study project.

Ms. Maxwell's Work Load Organization Tips:

- Set deadlines for yourself – "I will be 80% done my book by January 16"
- Read before you sleep! – Spending 30-60 minutes prior to sleeping WITHOUT screen time will benefit your sleeping patterns and health
- Bring your book and supplies to the given work periods! – You will be marked on your productivity in these periods, come prepared to use this time wisely
- Start brainstorming ideas that might work well with your book – maybe it would be a great movie, make a movie trailer! Perhaps the imagery in the book has inspired you to make a poem or a piece of art!

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