

Duncanville Middle School Summer Reading Project

Summer is here, school is out, desks are empty, and locker doors are shut! While the end of school signals that wonderful feeling of release from homework, the "summer slide" can quickly set in. In order to avoid the "summer slide" (that time when your brain shuts down and you forget all that you learned in school throughout the year), I am assigning a summer reading project. This summer all incoming 6th graders are asked to read *What Was Ellis Island* by Patricia Brennan Demuth and to choose one book from the choice list. After you have chosen a book and read it, complete one of the projects to demonstrate what you have learned from your choice book.

Each project must include these story elements...

- Title and author
- Main character information (A brief description of the character including items such as looks, character traits/personality)
- Setting (Where did the story take place – location and time period)
- Plot/Resolution (What was the main problem/plan/story line/scheme of the story and how is it resolved?)

Project Ideas

1. **Newspaper** – Pretend you are a reporter for a newspaper. Create a newspaper that reports on various events in the book. You may include additional articles on weather, sports, advice, comics, etc.
2. **Comic Book** – Create a comic book based on your book. Each page should be set up in a comic book format with illustrations and captions. Your comic book should retell the main ideas of the story including all required information.
3. **Children's Book** – Turn your book into an illustrated children's book appropriate for a 1st – 3rd grader. Create a cover and illustrated pages with sentences to retell the main idea of the story. You may use the inside cover or back cover to include any other required story elements.
4. **Board Game** – Create a board game all about your book. Design a game and all of the pieces needed so that your board game can be played. Include all story elements within the game. Illustrate your game board with characters or scenes from your story. If you are unable to include all required elements within your game, you may use the back of the game board or a separate piece of paper.
5. **Magazine** – Create a full color magazine dedicated to your book. Include all required story elements in your articles, advertisements, etc.

Project Due Date: September 3, 2021.

Summer Reading Project Rubric

Criteria	1-4 pts	5-6pts	7-8pts	9-10pts	Score
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Does not follow all directions ▪ Does not meet length requirements ▪ Elaborates on some ideas and concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Follows some directions ▪ Does not meet length requirements ▪ Elaborates on some ideas and concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Follows most directions ▪ Meets most length requirements ▪ Sufficiently elaborates on all ideas and concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Completely follows all directions ▪ Meets and/or goes beyond all length requirements ▪ Sufficiently elaborates on all ideas and concepts 	
Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consistently off-topic ▪ Does not maintain focus ▪ Occasionally states clear ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gets off-topic ▪ Maintains focus throughout some of the paper ▪ Occasionally states clear ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mostly stays on-topic ▪ Maintains focus throughout most of the paper ▪ States clear ideas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consistently stays on-topic ▪ Maintains focus throughout the entire paper ▪ States clear ideas 	
Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Not neat ▪ Organization of the project is not clear ▪ Information is not easy to access and read ▪ Organized in an illogical manner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some neat sections ▪ Clear organization of some of the project ▪ Some information is easy to access and read ▪ Organized in a somewhat logical manner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mostly neat ▪ Clear organization throughout most of the project ▪ Information is mostly easy to access and read ▪ Organized in a logical manner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Very neat ▪ Crystal Clear organization throughout the entire project ▪ All information is easy to access and read ▪ Organized in a logical manner 	
Style	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lacks creativity and self-expression ▪ Does not use a variety of word choice and sentence length 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shows some instances of creativity and self-expression ▪ Uses a small amount of variety of word choice and sentence length 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shows many instances of creativity and self-expression ▪ Uses some variety of word choice and sentence length 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shows an abundance of creativity and self-expression ▪ Uses a variety of word choice and sentence length 	
Conventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 6+ spelling and grammar errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4-5 spelling and grammar errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2-3 spelling and grammar errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 0-1 spelling and grammar errors 	
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