

Mr. Medina  
Independent Book Report  
7<sup>th</sup> grade  
English Language Arts

Directions: Choose one book you have read independently during summer: Tangerine—Edward Bloor; Inside out; Back Again—Thanhha Lai; Wednesday Wars—Gary Schmidt. Then choose a project below and adapt it to your special talents. You can combine ideas to create something new and different, with the teacher's approval. Have fun!! Each project will be worth 20 points and will be graded using the following criteria:

Due on September 12 or 13 (depending on the day you have me)

Creativity- 6pts  
Effort-6pts  
Content-8pts

#### 1. Extra, Extra!

Newspapers are the oldest form of mass media. Using the events of the novel you read and keeping in mind the time period in which it was set, create the front page of a newspaper. It must contain a flag (title), a main story and heading featuring the most significant event in the book, as well as at least two secondary stories with headlines about other parts of the book. Be sure to have drawings or pictures relating to the time period or events in the novel.

#### 2. Tell Me Why

Imagine what it would be like if you could interview the main character(s). Devise ten questions and the answers the character(s) might give. This assignment must be typed.

#### 3. Coming To a Theater Near You

If your book has been made into a movie, this project is perfect! Write a 4-5 paragraph essay that compares and contrasts the book and movie. This assignment must be typed.

#### 4. Cover It

You are the head of the art department for a publishing house. Create a book jacket that includes the following: title, author, a book review, information about the author, a book summary, and an appropriate illustration.

#### 5. Let's Play

Design a board game that includes the main characters, setting and significant events. Project must include actual game and game pieces, steps to play and rules.

#### 6. Tune In

Create a radio script for part of the story. Tape the scene using friends and family, as well as; you own voice, for the various parts. Music and sound effects are also helpful.

#### 7. Light, Camera, Action

Recreate your favorite or the most important event from your novel. Use friends, family or neighbors as actors. Must have props and costumes of some type. Video your production to share with the class.

8. Test Your Knowledge

Create a 15 question test based on your book. You can use questions such as; true/false, short answer, multiple choice and fill in the blank. Your test must be typed and you must also provide an answer key.

9. Create Your Own Idea

Check with the teacher for approval before beginning