

# Independent Novel Study

## Final Project Ideas

You can work on your final projects while you're reading your novel, or at the end. Please let me know which option you choose to do.

### Movie Poster

You've been hired to design and create the MOVIE POSTER for a movie version of the book you have just read. (Or a new version of the movie if one already exists.)

Cast the major characters with modern day actors. Keep in mind the *mood and theme* of the novel and incorporate them into your design.

You must also write a **Book Review** of the novel.

A book review is a short summary, but mainly focuses on what you did or did not like about the book.

Include specific details about why you liked or didn't like a character, and what was it about the book that you really liked.

Do you think the novel was well written? Explain using examples

### Mapping It Out – A Setting Project

**Create a poster sized map of the town** and area where the novel takes place - the setting of the novel.

- Include as many details and locations as possible using your imagination and specific details from the book. Keep in mind the time period and location of the book.
- You must label all of the locations with clear titles.
- List the important events in point form, that occurred at each area or location on your map. Be sure to include all of the major events in the novel.
- Remember to include a border, title, compass rose and legend. Make it look as much like a map as you can. Can you think of a way to link the theme of the novel to the style of map you draw?

**What do you think are the 5 MOST IMPORTANT events in the novel?**

**Write a paragraph for each event** explaining why it is important.

- Include a few details about the event, but more importantly explain WHY each event was significant.
- What impact did each event have on the outcome of the novel?
- What event do you think that the most impact on the characters in the novel? WHY?
- Did the setting influence the events? Relate the event to the setting as much as possible.

### Novel Recording Studio – Create a CD

As the owner of NR Studios you have been asked to create a playlist of 10 songs that best represent the novel that you have just read. Create a playlist for songs that reflects the themes, mood and ideas in the novel.

#### Brainstorm

- Think of as many songs as you can that relate to your novel.
- Pick 10 songs that best represent the novel you read.

**For each song you must include:**

- The song's title and artist.
- The section of the novel that you think the song represents.
- A paragraph about why you think the song represents a scene in the novel.
- Helpful Hints
  - What themes does the song touch on?
  - Can you relate the song to a specific character?
  - What emotions does the song bring up? How does that emotion relate to the novel, scene or character?

**Create and Design a Playlist Cover Design**

- Keep in mind the theme and mood of the novel.
- Make sure your cover represents the novel - think of the setting, the characters, the themes and the mood of the book.

## **My Novel – The Sequel**

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

What happens after the last chapter?  
Could there be a sequel?  
What will the conflict be?  
Who will be there?

**Write the next chapter in the book or a summary of what you think the sequel should be about.**

Think about the following when planning and writing the sequel or next chapter:

- What characters will you include?
- What will the major conflict or tension be?
- Where and when will the sequel take place?
- Think of the setting. Will it change?
- Be sure to use a similar language and writing style to the author of the novel.
- Try to imagine what the author would have written for the characters.
- Be true to the characters, setting, mood and theme.
- Be sure to edit and spell-check your work.

## **Dear Diary – Character Diary**

Step into the mind of one of the main characters in your novel. Put yourself "in their shoes" and imagine what they think and how they feel about the events and other characters in the novel.

Create a Character Diary from the perspective of one of the main characters in your novel.

Include the following details in your character's diary:

- Responses to at least FIVE major events in the novel.
- How were you involved in the event?
- Did you want to be involved?
- Were you a major part of the event or a bystander?
- How did you feel about the events?
- What emotions were you experiencing?
- What are your thoughts on the other characters?

- How does the setting impact you?
- What are your hopes / dreams / secrets?

***Don't forget to write in 1st person. The diary is from your character's perspective.***

**Design a cover** for your Character Diary and attach your entries behind it.

Try to design a cover that best reflects your character.

- Would your diary be hand-written or typed?
- Would you have a fancy diary or a plain one?
- Relate your diary's cover as much as possible to the personality of the character, mood, theme and setting of the novel.

## **Novel Artworks – Art Project**

As an artistic and creative person you know the importance of symbols and symbolism in a novel. As you read through your novel look for symbols, icons and items that represent the themes, mood, characters, conflict or setting.

Create a piece of artwork that represents your novel or an aspect of your novel. Think creatively and have fun expressing yourself in a different way.

### **Ideas for Artwork**

- Painting
- Sculpting
- Diorama
- Collage
- Model
- Carving
- Idea of your choice...

Once you have completed your artwork, please write a one to two page description of your art and what it represents.

Include the following information in your write-up:

- Why did you present your information this way?
- What did you incorporate from the novel into your art?
- What symbols from the novel did you incorporate?
- What do the symbols represent? How do the symbols relate to the theme?
- How do you think your artwork represents the novel's big ideas?