**7th Grade Book Report Options**

You will receive a grade on the QUALITY of your product, as well as the CONTENT in relation to the FIVE STORY ELEMENTS, which are briefly defined below. Remember to include the title, author, and genre of the book, as well.

**FIVE STORY ELEMENTS** – Check them off when they are adequately described in your report.

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<td><strong>Plot:</strong> What the story is about.</td>
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<td><strong>Characters</strong> – What is the main character(s) like, and how do they change throughout the book?</td>
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<td><strong>Climax /Turning Point</strong> – The most exciting part of the book. This is usually where the book’s problem is solved.</td>
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<td><strong>Theme</strong> – The moral or lesson of the story. What does the author want you to learn from the book?</td>
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**OPTIONS:**

**Newspaper** - Look at the format of a newspaper. You are to "write" mini-articles and place them in your newspaper. Each article is to provide information about the five story elements, as well as your opinion and recommendations for others to read this book. Include in your newspaper - Headings, bi-lines, advertisements, pictures, rows and columns. Try to make this look as real as possible. This could be done on the computer. If it is hand-written, use your best penmanship.

**Photo Album/Scrap Book** - Create a photo album to show the five elements of the story. Each picture MUST have a caption. You may use a digital camera and stage pictures for the album, you may draw and color pictures, or you may create a collage type picture by cutting out people, places, and things that demonstrate the plot and main ideas in the story. (This should be at least 8 pages long) Don't forget to include a cover as well as dedication or title page (WITH YOUR NAME ON IT)

**Make a movie or Movie Review** - Here is an opportunity for the director and actor in all of us. You will have to cast, direct, act (optional) and produce a segment of the story. The objective is for us, the viewer to gain a good idea of what the story is about and become interested in wanting to read the story. You do not have to act in this production but you are responsible of all of the other elements of this project. IF you can not get actors and are still interested in making a movie, you can set up a talk show type setting and you may review the book. You will be describing the plot, characters, setting, climax, and theme of the story to the viewers. This will be shown in class so it must be on a DVD. (You will need to write and turn in a script)
**Infomercial** - Your task is to write and star in your own infomercial to explain the five story elements. The point of an infomercial is to sell a product (the book), but in an interesting way. You must include: title & author, summary of the plot, setting, description of the main characters. Things that make a good infomercial are: an overexcited host, outrageous statements and claims, testimonials. The infomercial can be recorded and we can watch it in class on a DVD.

**Write a song and perform it** - For the musical person. Write a song to explain the five story elements. It could be helpful if you think of a particular song that you already know and change the words. It is possible to perform this at home and record it so we can play it in class and enjoy your creative side. You will be required to turn in a copy of the lyrics. (Since this is very challenging, extra credit will be awarded for the attempt)

**PowerPoint summary** - Create a power point presentation to explain the five story elements and your opinions / recommendations for this book. This should be at least 8 frames long. You can copy this to a CD, flash drive or email it to me so we can view it in class.

**Collage** - This project is for the artist in everyone. Draw or cut and paste pictures that recreate the story to explain the five story elements. Included in this work of art, you must do more than retell the story. You must explain the five story elements in captions under the pictures.

**Book Jacket** - Includes general information, summary, direct quotes from characters. .. Can be done on computer or drawn by hand. ALL color - very minimal white space. Remember to explain the five story elements.

**Series of cartoon or old fashioned film slides** - (minimum 4) This is also for the artist and the project must recreate the climax of the story. You must also include a 1 page paper to explain the five story elements.

**Advertisement** - create an advertisement, either for a newspaper, magazine, radio, or television that would be used to present to a committee you are trying to sell the book to. Remember to explain the five story elements.

**POP-UP book or detailed flip book, a children's version of the book you read.** Remember to explain the five story elements.

**Travel Brochure** - create a brochure that advertises for people to visit the setting from your story. Remember to showcase the wonderful sights and people. You must also include a 1 page paper to explain the five story elements.

**THIS PROJECT IS DUE:**