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## Library Class

2008-2009

Levels 7 & 8

### Book Report Projects & Novel Assignments

Dear Students,

Reading is one of the most important disciplines in education. Reading may entertain, inform, explain, arouse curiosity, and inspire. All those experiences create and strengthen reading, writing, and speaking skills.

4 written book reports are required from every student in Levels 7&8 (1 for each grading period) for Library Class.

**Ms. Drummond, our principal will be grading them.** The books must be from the attached reading list, with no exceptions. The required reading list contains a wide variety of subjects, sure to please everyone. Mrs. Goldcamp has made every effort to keep at least 1 copy of each book in the school library for the students only in Levels 7 & 8 to borrow.

Book reports will be due to your homeroom teacher on the following dates: (Ms. Drummond will take off points for each day a book report is late)

**Friday, September 26th**

**Friday, December 12th**

**Friday, February 27th**

**Friday, May 1st**

Book reports may either be hand written neatly in ink or typed. A cover is to be made for each report. The cover can be as elaborate or as simple as you chose. **Please turn over for important information.**

# Book Report Requirements

The following 8 items must be included in every book report or points will be taken off your grade.

1. **Title** (always underlined)
2. **Author**
3. **Setting:** Where and when approximately did the story take place?
4. **Plot:** 3 good-sized paragraphs explaining what happened at the beginning, the middle, and the end of the story.
5. **Main Characters:** Who were the main characters? A brief description of each. Who was your favorite character? Why?
6. **Conflict/Resolution:** What was the main problem in the story? How was the main problem solved?
7. **Rating/Recommendation:** Did you like this book or not and tell why?
8. **Realistic/Unrealistic:** Could the events in this story have really happened?

## Class Novel Assignments

During the months of October/November and March/April your class will be reading a novel chosen by Mrs. Goldcamp. Students are to purchase or borrow their own copy of the assigned novel and bring it to class each week. There will be weekly reading assignments as well as in-class quizzes and discussions about what you have read. Novels chosen are as follows:

**Level 7:** October/November: **The Westing Game** by Ellen Raskin

March/April: **The Outsiders** by S.E. Hinton

**Level 8:** October/November: **The Giver** by Lois Lowry

March/April: **To Kill A Mockingbird** by Harper Lee