

Book Clubs

****Disclaimer:** Many of the handouts that accompany the activities were originally intended for high school level, but have been adjusted to be suitable for middle school. Students should follow the activity description on this sheet rather than the handouts. The handouts are meant to be a guideline only.

Book Clubs will be starting soon with your classes! During book clubs you will be tasked with selecting your own novel AND selecting which activities you would like to do to accompany your novel. You will have check-ins regularly with your teacher to make sure you are on track with your reading and that you have selected the right amounts of activities to complete. You will have certain periods to read your novel in class, have group discussions, and mini- lessons before you begin to complete assignments.

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Novel Options

- ➔ *The Iron Trial* by Holly Black and Cassandra Clare
- ➔ *The Unwanteds* by Lisa McMann
- ➔ *The Rule of Three* by Eric Walters
- ➔ *Rules* by Cynthia Lord
- ➔ *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas
- ➔ *Alex Rider: Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz
- ➔ *Hatchet* by Gary Paulson
- ➔ *Chu Ju's House* by Gloria Whelan
- ➔ *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
- ➔ *Avengers* by Marvel



Tips for choosing your novel

- Read the first page- if you don't enjoy how the author "chunks" their writing, you probably won't enjoy the novel
- Pick a novel you are genuinely interested in, not one that your friends are interested in

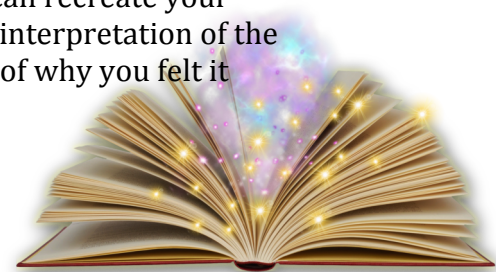
- If you wish to select a novel not provided by your teacher, you must provide an alternative suggestion and have it approved by your teacher before you start to read it.

Below you will find a list of activities and mini projects to complete alongside your reading. There are points listed beside each activity. Your activities must add up to 50 points in order for your assignments to be considered completed.

Activity List

- Novel Discovery- **10 points**
 - ➔ Complete tasks **before** you read your novel. Handout required.
- Cartoon Strip- **5 points**
 - ➔ Create a comic strip of an important scene in your novel. You must include a half page explanation of your reasoning for choosing that scene and why it is important in the novel.
- Movie Poster- **5 points**
 - ➔ Create your own version of a movie poster for your novel. Make sure to include important symbols. You must include a half page explanation of your reasoning for why you included what you did on your poster.
- Newspaper- **10 points**
 - ➔ Create 2-3 newspaper articles from the perspective of a main character in your novel. Each article should be at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of a page. You must include a half page write up of why you chose to write from the perspective of that character and the subjects they discussed.
- Board Game – **15 points**
 - ➔ This activity needs to be complex in order to be awarded full points. Rules and instructions must be handed in with the board game. You must include important events, symbols, and characters from the novel. A half page write up explaining why you chose to include the things you did.
- Costume Design- **10 points**
 - ➔ Draw visual representations of at least 4 characters in your novel. A half page write up must be passed in explaining how the costumes represent the characters wearing them.
- Video Recording- **5 points**
 - ➔ Create a video recording of what you consider to be one of the most important scenes in your novel. A half page write up must be included to explain why you feel that scene is important to the novel.
- Movie Trailer- **10 points**

- ➔ Create your own version of a movie trailer for your novel that sparks interest in an audience. The video must be at least 2 minutes long, with a write up explaining what you chose to include and why.
- **Podcast- 10 points**
 - ➔ Create your own podcast from the perspective of your favourite character. The podcast must be at least 5-7 minutes in length, and no longer than 12 minutes. Your script must be passed in and a paragraph explaining why you chose to discuss whatever topics you chose.
- **Music Playlist- 5 points**
 - ➔ Create a playlist of at least 10 songs that you feel accompany the novel well. These songs can be about characters, themes, or events in the novel. Include a half page write up explaining why you felt those songs fit well with your novel.
- **Poetry Journal- 10 points**
 - ➔ Write at least 5 poems from the perspective or about characters, themes, symbols, events, or opinions in the novel. You must include a half page write up explaining your choices.
- **Scrapbook- 10 points**
 - ➔ Create a scrapbook about your novel. There must be at least 5 pages and a half page write up explaining your choices.
- **Character Speech- 5 points**
 - ➔ Write a speech from the perspective of an important character about a key event in the novel. Include a half page write up explaining why that character spoke about what they did and why the event was important.
- **Interview- 5 points**
 - ➔ Write an interview as if you were interviewing a character from your novel. Your script must be passed in.
- **Sales Brochure- 5 points**
 - ➔ Create a sales brochure with graphics and highlights of your novel. Persuade a reader to read your novel.
- **Graphic Novel – 15 points**
 - ➔ Create a graphic novel with at least 4 pages. You can recreate your favourite scene of the novel, or include your own interpretation of the beginning or ending. Include a half page write up of why you felt it should be depicted that way.
- **Character Blog/Vlog – 15 points**



- Create a blog/vlog from the perspective of a character in your novel. If it is a blog, there must be at least 3 entries of 100 words each, and the vlog must include at least 2 entries of 3 minutes each.
- Character Facebook/Instagram Page- **5 points**
 - Choose a character and create what you think their Facebook or Instagram page would look like! Include a half page write up detailing why you think it would look the way you made it.
- Literary Elements Chart – **5 points**
 - Discuss the literary elements in your novel. Handout required.
- Book Review- **10 points**
 - Complete a book review that includes a summary, strengths and weaknesses, and a recommendation of your novel. Must be at least 1 ½ pages and no longer than 3 pages.
- Vocabulary Chart- **5 points**
 - Complete a vocabulary chart as you read through your novel. Handout required.
- Figurative Language Task Cards- **10 points**
 - Complete task cards about the figurative language in your novel. Handout required.
- Plot Structure- **5 points**
 - Analyze the plot structure of your novel and determine the exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution. This activity is only to be completed once you are **finished** your novel. Handout required.
- Novel Scavenger Hunt- **5 points**
 - Complete a scavenger hunt through your novel. This activity is only to be completed once you are **finished** your novel. Handout required.

