**Independent Book Project Instructions**

The main purpose of the Book Projects is to get you reading and enthusiastic about reading, as well as exploring different genres of books. I will be looking for overall understanding of the book, as well as, evidence that you have read the book.

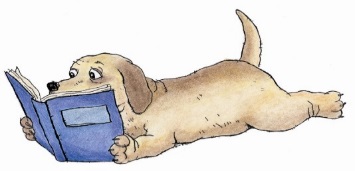
**Book Project Requirements:**

* **STOP & JOT Reading Response Journal**: students are to read their independent book nightly (M-Th) for Homework. Reading over the weekends is optional, *but encouraged*. Students are to respond to their reading after every 1-2 Chapters, using the reader response journal prompts on the inside cover of their notebooks. They need to date each journal entry in their notebooks.

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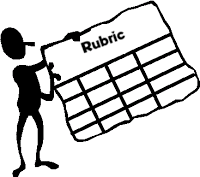
**(Choose: Historical Fiction, Realistic Fiction, Humorous Fiction)**

*Book choice has to at least be on a 5th grade reading level, and/or the students’ individual reading level/ability*

**DUE DATE: FRIDAY, DEC. 15th**

**REMINDERS:**

* If a book is too difficult/easy, or you cannot find interest in it, you may exchange the book and choose a different one within the first week of the project. Books can be chosen from our classroom library, a library book, and/or a book from home.
* If you have any questions on how to complete the projects, please let me know and ask me so I can explain the details and expectations.
* Be DETAILED & CREATIVE with your project! You can use crafts, markers, paints, construction paper, poster board, clipart, internet pictures, real pictures, or hand-drawn/colored pictures.
* You can type information for any project, ***but remember***…all the information should be written and presented in your own words. **No Plagiarism is permitted**!

**You will be graded on the following:**

* Content, Accuracy, and Relevance
* Graphics (photos, pictures, etc.)
* Attractiveness/Creativity/Neatness
* Spelling/Grammar/Mechanics
* Presentation and Preparation…on time!