



# 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

## END OF THE YEAR PROJECT

### Cereal Box Project

**FRONT OF BOX:** Use a piece of white or light colored paper to cover the front of your cereal box. (You will probably want to create the cover before gluing it on your box.) Include the name of the cereal and a picture. Invent a name for the cereal that is related to the title of the book and sounds like a cereal. Do not use the exact title of the book. You may want to look at the attached page of real cereal boxes to get some ideas. Choose a shape for the cereal as well as colors and ingredients that all relate to the book. For example, for Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, you might invent a cereal called Wizard Wands, a toasted oat cereal in the shape of miniature lightning bolts.

**RIGHT SIDE:** Make a list of ingredients that includes the story elements CHARACTERS and SETTING. Under the heading "Ingredients," list the main character and write a sentence about each one. Then describe the setting. You can use the template on the website or cover the side with white/light colored paper and do this your own way.

**LEFT SIDE:** Write a summary that describes the book. Try to use words that will "grab" readers' attention and make them want to buy your cereal. You can use the template on the website or cover the side with white/light colored paper and do this your own way. Your summary must be three to five sentences.

**BACK OF BOX:** Design a game that is based on the book. It can be a puzzle, a word search, a word scramble, a maze, a crossword puzzle, a hidden pictures illustration, or any other fun activity that might be found on the back of a cereal box. Make sure it includes information from the book.

**TOP OF BOX:** Include the title, author, number of pages, and number of stars you would give this book if you were a book critic. Also, include your name. The maximum number of stars would be 5. Use the template on the attached sheet.

**PRIZE:** Cereal boxes often include a prize. Your prize must be something related to the topic of your book. You can even include a picture of the prize on the front of your box to let the reader know what is inside the box.

### Shoebbox Diorama

Create a shoebbox diorama of an important scene from the book. Use a shoebox set on its side to create your scene. You can place the lid under the box to create more space for your scene. Use small inexpensive objects such as toys, construction paper, wire, clay, and so forth to create your scene. Include details in your scene to make it look more realistic. Be sure to decorate the inside walls of your box too. The title and author of the book should be displayed somewhere on the outside of the box. Write a paragraph explaining what is happening in the scene and why it is important to the plot. Glue your paragraph to the box. Include a list of main characters along with a statement describing the theme somewhere on the outside of the box. Consider the life lesson of the story, along with what you can learn from the characters' choices and actions for the theme.

## Yearbook

Summarize the book by creating a yearbook for the Hunger Games. Create a cover page which could include characters, quotes from the book, words that describe the events that took place in the book, etc. Make it unique. Inside of the yearbook, you should create, at minimum, four sections that describe main events that occurred during the book. Include drawings and a short summary that show you understand what happened. You can decide whether you want this to be personal to a character or for all characters. The back cover will include at least four characters from the book that signed a note in the yearbook. Be sure to include important events from the story in your notes to the person. Additionally, on a separate page, write yearbook notes to TWO characters in the book. Pretend that you are a specific character (i.e. Katniss, Peeta, Primrose) and writing in another character's yearbook.

## Newspaper

For this book project, you will be creating a newspaper that captures your book's characters, plot, setting(s), and conflict(s). Your paper will contain the following elements:

1. Masthead
  - a. The masthead is the title of the newspaper. You will create a title that reflects the setting of your book or some other plot element.
2. Lead Story
  - a. On the front page write a 5 paragraph lead story that explains the plot of your novel. Be sure to include a headline! The plot should include:
    - i. the main characters
    - ii. the main problem that they face
    - iii. events that lead up to how the characters solve the problem
    - iv. how the book concludes.
3. Editorial
  - a. On page two, write a 3 paragraph or more editorial that gives your opinion on your book. Remember, you're writing to persuade your teacher and other students to want to read the book. If you disliked the book, then your editorial should persuade us to not read the book. Give detailed reasons for your feelings, and use examples and quotes from the book to elaborate on your thoughts.
4. Pictures
  - a. Throughout the entire paper, add 5 pictures reflecting characters, places, and conflicts in your book. You should draw the pictures after you have typed out your final copy of the newspaper, so make sure to leave space for each picture. Make sure that each picture is NEAT, and add a sentence underneath each one to explain what you have drawn.
5. Optional Ideas – You must choose two to add to your newspaper!!
  - a. Write an obituary for a character that may have died in the story
  - b. Create 2 Classified Advertisements – these might describe someone or something that the characters need or are looking for in the story
  - c. Create a word search using 15 terms from the book – these might be characters' names, places important to the book, or other terms you think are important to the story
  - d. Create an advertisement section selling items that would have been popular at the time or items the characters may have used
  - e. Create a weather section where you give a forecast of the weather or describe a horrible storm
  - f. Write a feature article on one of the more interesting characters of the story.

# PLANNING SHEET

**Project:**  
(circle one)

- Cereal Box
- Diorama
- Yearbook
- Newspaper

**Ideas:**  
OPTION ONE

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Scene: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Characters: \_\_\_\_\_  
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OPTION TWO

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Scene: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Characters: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Selection for Project --Please circle one--

**OPTION ONE**

**OPTION TWO**