

Grade 9, English Language Arts- Week 2

This home leaning assignment is all about making connections, with your books and your peers. This should be a casual home learning activity, and that's exactly what this should be, is relaxed. You should all do what you're comfortable with. Keep the book talks 3-5 minutes. I will post a book talk on the book I just finished for you all later this afternoon for an example. If you need some other examples check out YouTube! If you need suggestions for discussion points check out page 2 of this document and choose a few questions to focus on. (NOT all of them) Remember, you must state the book title and author. Happy reading!

Virtual Book Talk – This week students will share what they are reading with their peers.

Learning Choices:

This week you will have the option to write a book review of the book you are currently reading or have recently finished to post in *the team's class* for your teacher, and peers to read.

Or

Post a brief video (pre-recorded) in *the team's class* of you doing a book talk of the book you're currently reading, or have recently finished for your teacher, and peers to read.

Or

Post a brief video voice recording (with a picture of the book you choose) in *the team's class* of you doing a book talk of the book you're currently reading, or have recently finished for your teacher, and peers to read.

Possible discussion points for book talk

- 1. How did the book make you feel?**
 - Were you amused, upset, bored, angry, intrigued?
 - Did you have to force yourself to get through it or were you unable to put it down?
 - Are you glad you read it?
- 2. How do you feel about how the story was told?**
 - Did it start too slow or end unresolved?
 - Do you wish it had been told from a different perspective?
 - Did it jump around too much or hold you in suspense?
- 3. What did you think about the main characters?**
 - Did you like them? Were they believable?
 - Did you approve of their decisions and behavior?
 - Who did you relate to the most/least?
- 4. Which parts of the book stood out to you?**
 - Are there any quotes, passages, or scenes you found particularly compelling?
 - Were there parts of the book you thought were incredibly unique, out of place, thought-provoking, or disturbing?
- 5. What themes did you detect in the story?**
 - What were the main points you think the author was trying to make?
 - Did you notice any symbolism?
- 6. What did you think about the ending?**
 - Were you satisfied or disappointed with how the story ended?
 - Is anything left unresolved or ambiguous?
 - How do you picture the characters' lives after the end of the story?
- 7. What is your impression of the author?**
 - Does the story seem to fit with what you know of the author?
 - What do you think about the author's writing style?
 - What do you think about the author's storytelling ability?
 - Would you read another book by the same author?
- 8. What changes/decisions would you hope for if the book were turned into a movie?**
 - Which sections would you cut?
 - Who would you cast to play the main characters?
 - If the book is already a movie, are you happy with the representation? Do you prefer the book or the movie?
- 9. How does this book compare to other books you've read?**
 - Did you like it more or less than other books in the same genre?
 - Is the book different in any way from the books you usually read?
- 10. How did this book change you?**
 - Do you have a new perspective as a result of reading this book?
 - Did you learn something you didn't know before?
 - Has your attitude or behavior changed?