

English 10

Literature Circle

Final Project Guidelines and Evaluation Rubric

Directions: For this assignment, you will choose a theme in the novel that you find interesting and intriguing and prepare and present an analysis of this theme by completing one of three product options and presenting to the rest of the class. Here are some possible themes:

friendship/love	life and death	freedom
exploration/discovery	quality vs. quantity	social critiques/societal problems
good and evil	superficiality	stereotypes
materialism	justice	loyalty
possession	adversity	survival
abundance/scarcity	loneliness	bullies
interdependence	responsibility	patriotism
racism	prejudice	heroism
war	character	courage

If you come up with another theme, please let me know what it is.

Choice 1: Multimedia Project

1. You may work alone or with one other person. If you work in a pair, divide the work equally and collaborate on each facet, don't just divide up the work.
2. Choose a theme from the text to explore. Analyze and present the theme in a manner that exploits the technology available to you. This analysis should include your own thoughts and feelings about the theme, not just a summary.
3. Create a presentation of 7 to 10 slides. The number is less important than the quality and thoroughness with which you analyze the theme.
4. Type in all of your text BEFORE you spend considerable time on illustrations or fancy effects. Remember that illustrations and effects must enhance the message and not take away from it.
5. Be sure to include the following elements:
 - a. An intro that includes an appropriate title as well as the name of each creator
 - b. A concluding slide that summarizes the message of your presentation.
 - c. Appropriate visuals and effects

- d. Five to eight citation from the text that support your analysis – they should be less than four lines.
 - e. Enough words to discuss your theme, analysis, reflections, and so on...(min. 250 words).
6. You will need to do some work outside of class. Be sure to plan wisely so you will have the time you need in the computer lab and with your partner.
 7. I also expect you to use this opportunity to enhance your skill with PowerPoint. Make a plan for your work that includes an opportunity for you to try something new. For example, if you have never imported a graphic or a video clip, try it. Share your previous PowerPoint presentations with your partner or a peer and get feedback on ways to improve your work. Your PowerPoint growth goals will be evaluated in the “technique” section of the assessment rubric.

Choice 2: Book Talk Video Presentation

1. You will need to work on this project with a partner.
2. Choose a theme from the text that you wish to explore.
3. Prepare a 10-minute video segment for a new cable show called “Book Talk.” In this segment, you and your partner will need to introduce the book you will discuss and the theme you will focus on. You will probably want to include a BRIEF summary of the story as part of your intro, but remember that the focus is the analysis of the theme. Your video segment should be a discussion in which you analyze the theme. Your analysis should include the thoughts and feelings of you and your partner about the theme. You should each support your viewpoint with examples and brief citations from the text and your interpretation of the examples and citations. Be sure to conclude the segment in such a way that you bring closure to the presentation.
4. I also expect you to use this opportunity to improve your visual presentation skills and your skill with the camera. Meet with me early in the process to set specific goals. Your technical and presentation growth goals will be evaluated in the “technique” section of the assessment rubric.

Choice 3: Written Analysis of Theme

1. This project must be completed on your own.
2. Choose a theme from the text that you wish to explore. Be careful. I expect you to analyze a theme from the book, not just summarize the story.
3. Write a paper of at least five paragraphs. Each paragraph should contain five to eight sentences. In the first paragraph, introduce your subject and the ideas you will present. You may wish to include a BRIEF summary of the story. The next three paragraphs should develop the theme you have chosen. Your analysis should include your own thoughts and feelings about the theme and how you explored and clarified these thoughts and feelings through reading the story. Support your viewpoint with examples and brief citations from the text and

your interpretation of these examples and citations. The final paragraph should present your personal conclusions about the theme.

4. I also expect you to use this opportunity to improve your writing skills. Early in the process, meet with me to go over previous examples of your writing and set specific goals for improvement. Your writing growth goals will be evaluated in the "technique" section of the assessment rubric.
5. Remember your paper must be word-process in proper MLA format. Have someone you trust proofread your paper. Prepare an outline of your paper to share your major points with the class.