

8th Grade Reading List & Assignment

Fever 1793 by Laurie Anderson

During the summer of 1793, Mattie Cook lives above the family coffee shop with her widowed mother and grandfather. Mattie spends her days avoiding chores and making plans to turn the family business into the finest Philadelphia has ever seen. But then the fever breaks out. Disease sweeps the streets, destroying everything in its path and turning Mattie's world upside down.

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

When Billie Jo is just fourteen she must endure heart-wrenching ordeals that no child should have to face. The quiet strength she displays while dealing with unspeakable loss is as surprising as it is inspiring. Written in free verse, this award-winning story is set in the heart of the Great Depression. It chronicles Oklahoma's staggering dust storms, and the environmental--and emotional--turmoil they leave in their path. An unforgettable tribute to hope and inner strength.

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement.

I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

I AM MALALA is the remarkable tale of a family uprooted by global terrorism, of the fight for girls' education, of a father who, himself a school owner, championed and encouraged his daughter to write and attend school, and of brave parents who have a fierce love for their daughter in a society that prizes sons. I AM MALALA will make you believe in the power of one person's voice to inspire change in the world.

***Choose 1 novel and complete Option 1 OR Option 2**

Novel Project

Option 1: Think about the events that happened in the novel and decide on at least **3 specific events** the character experienced.

1. On 8.5 x 11 cardstock, draw 3 scenes/events and include a caption for each photo, explaining the moment and its significance. 3 Moments = 3 sheets of cardstock, 1 side the drawing and the back a typed, detailed explanation as well as scene analysis. (1 page in length, 1.5 spaced, font 12, Arial or Times New Roman, 1 inch margins) Support from text must be in “quotations” and page number at the end of the quote in (Parenthesis)

Ex: “Momma’s eyes got slitty with eyeballs shooting around from side to side...” (pg 67)

Option 2: Think about the events that happened in the novel and decide on a **scene** in which you recreate into a diorama. The diorama must be detailed!!!!

- You may use or incorporate the use of :Construction Paper -Paint -Cloth -Toothpicks/Popsicle Sticks -Twigs/Wood -Pictures from Internet, Photos... -Clay/Play-dough -Artificial or real greenery for leaves/grass... -Figurines/Dolls (Plastic or Paper) -legos, Drinking Straws -Cardboard
(THESE ARE ONLY SUGGESTIONS!) BE CREATIVE!!!
- In addition to the diorama scene selection, you must have 1 page, typed response that clearly explains the event and or scene in which you’ve selected. Response must adhere to the following: Textual support of explanation of selected scene, 1 page in length, 1.5 spaced, font 12, Arial or Times New Roman, 1 inch margins) Support from text must be in “quotations” and page number at the end of the quote in (Parenthesis)

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Name: _____

Date: _____

Students will be graded on the following:

Grade is calculated based on checklist of with a score ranging from 1-5

1-Did not complete

2-Limited information

3-Partially completed, missing information/specifications

4-Meets all requirements, little or no errors in written explanation(s)

5-Exceeds expectations, project meets and goes beyond, no errors

Option 1: 3 specific events the character experienced. Grade is calculated based on checklist of 5/25

1. Uses 3 sheets of cardstock _____
2. Drawing clearly exhibits understanding and accurate depiction of event/scene _____
3. Project appears neat and organized (cardstock is in new condition with no damage, Printed 1 page summary is included on-back of each drawing) _____
4. Summary is detailed, with clear explanation and text support. Use of quotation marks when directly citing text with (page number) No use of text support or citing will result in a score of 2 or below.

5. Summaries are typed according to the specifications listed above. Spelling, grammar and mechanics (punctuation) Including first and last name, name and author of novel (according to: 1 page in length, 1.5 spaced, font 12, Arial or Times New Roman, 1 inch margins) _____

TOTAL _____/25

Option 2: Diorama and Summary

1. Uses shoebox or flat board (item must be smaller than a pizza box) _____
2. Diorama clearly exhibits understanding and accurate depiction of event/scene _____
3. Project appears neat and organized (Box/board is in new condition with no damage, Printed 1 page summary is included) _____
4. Summary is detailed, with clear explanation and text support. Use of quotation marks when directly citing text with (page number) No use of text support or citing will result in a score of 2 or below.

5. Summary is typed according to the specifications listed above. Including first and last name, name and author of novel (according to: 1 page in length, 1.5 spaced, font 12, Arial or Times New Roman, 1 inch margins) _____

TOTAL _____/25