

Story Tower - Book Report (Connections)

Book: _____

Author: _____

For this assignment, you will need to choose a novel. Be sure to choose a “Just Right” book. That means that you should be able to do the following:

- You can read most of the words
- You can understand what you are reading
- You enjoy the book
- You may have some schema for the subject
- You can read the book with smooth fluency but there are some choppy places
- Your reading rate is just right - not too slow and not too fast
- You can figure out the tricky words and still get the meaning of the story

This assignment has several components:

- On one card, write the title and author of your novel. On the back of this card, illustrate a new cover for your novel.
- On one card, write a paragraph (at least 5 sentences) describing the setting of your novel. Be detailed, use senses, describe important things that set the scene, include the time and place, and show (don't tell). On the back of this card, illustrate the setting of your novel.
- On one card, write a paragraph (at least 5 sentences) describing the main character of your novel. Include enough information that your audience can visualize this person (describe physical attributes and personality traits). On the back of this card, illustrate the main character of your novel.
- On one card, write a paragraph (at least 5 sentences) describing the conflict of your novel. This is the problem that your character has to solve. Don't forget to write about the climax - when the story's action become most exciting, right before the resolution! On the back of this card, illustrate the conflict of your novel.
- On one card, write a paragraph (at least 5 sentences) describing the resolution of your novel. This is the solution to the problem (the way the action is resolved). On the back of this card, illustrate the resolution of your novel.
- On one card, write 3 connections that you can make to this novel: a text-to-text, a text-to-self, and a text-to-world connection. Don't forget to use our sentence starter (This reminds me of...)! On the back of this card, illustrate one of your connections.
- Build your tower! The tower should be built like a log cabin (2 on the bottom, 2 in the middle, and 2 on the top). Be sure to check the picture on the blog for help or ask Ms. B if you need help building your tower.
- Oral presentation - you will be asked to orally present your assignment. Briefly explain your information on the six cards (DO NOT READ your information - just give us a quick summary). Explain your illustrations and explain how they relate to the story elements.



Rubric

Criteria	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Content	<i>Includes few details from the text to support thinking. Details are used with limited accuracy.</i>	<i>Includes some details from the text to support thinking. Details are used with some accuracy.</i>	<i>Includes many details from the text to support thinking. Details are used with considerable accuracy.</i>	<i>Includes many rich details from the text to support thinking. Details are used with a high degree of accuracy.</i>
Appearance	<i>Little time, care and effort spent on assignment. Limited use of colour and creativity.</i>	<i>Some time, care and effort spent on assignment. Some use of colour and creativity.</i>	<i>Considerable time, care and effort spent on assignment. Good use of colour and creativity.</i>	<i>Extensive time, care and effort spent on assignments. Excellent use of colour and creativity.</i>
Conventions	<i>Many errors in spelling, punctuation, sentence structure and capitalization.</i>	<i>Some errors in spelling, punctuation, sentence structure and capitalization.</i>	<i>Few errors in spelling, punctuation, sentence structure and capitalization.</i>	<i>Almost no errors in spelling, punctuation, sentence structure and capitalization.</i>
Oral Presentation	<i>Limited use of eye contact with audience. Volume of voice is too quiet most of the time.</i>	<i>Some use of eye contact with audience. Volume of voice is too quiet some of the time.</i>	<i>Good use of eye contact with audience. Volume of voice is appropriate most of the time. Considerable audience engagement.</i>	<i>Excellent use of eye contact with audience. Volume of voice is appropriate all of the time. A high degree of audience engagement.</i>

Other Comments:

Assigned On: November 26th

Due Date: December 17th