

Name _____ Date _____

This book report works best with historical fiction.

Newspaper Book Report

PROJECT WORTH 100 POINTS - TURN IN THIS RUBRIC WITH YOUR PROJECT !

You will be making an entire front page of a newspaper. All articles, headlines, and pictures will relate to the book you have read. In some articles, you will be presenting the facts in the story, and in others, you will be putting on your thinking cap to present different parts of the book in a creative format. As you read the book, keep notes about what happened and which events would make good newspaper articles.

You may have to do some additional research to create accurate news articles for that period in history.

Supplies: You will need a large piece of poster board, glue, markers, pens, a ruler, and any other decorative materials.



1. Plan your newspaper as follows: (7 points total)

- Divide your newspaper into appropriate spaces and columns.
- The top part of your newspaper is called the "nameplate". It should include a name and date. It may also include the price, a flag or symbol, a slogan, the issue, and/or the year of publication. Check the top of the front page of a newspaper for an example.

NOTE: *Be sure to use a date relevant to the time period of your book!*

2. The following articles must be a part of your newspaper front page. **Each article** must have a headline, location, and author byline if appropriate. Be sure to demonstrate creative thinking and include *who, what, where, when* in the article. A computer generated, cut-out, or hand-drawn picture with caption must accompany the news articles. (12 points for each article for 24 total points)

- A news article that explains the key event in the story.
- An article about a historical event that took place during the time period of your book.

3. The following additional items must be a part of your front page newspaper project. (12 points each for 36 total points)

- A letter to an advice columnist about a personal problem from one character's life and a reply from the advice columnist. You may make up the advice columnist name and letter writer.
- An advertisement for a product sold during that time period.
- A book review in which you summarize the plot of the book (without giving away the ending or any key parts). Include your opinions about the book and that period of history. Use details from the book to support your opinions. Do

you recommend this book for individuals to purchase? In this section, be sure to mention the title and author of the book and place your name as the reviewer. _____

4. All my punctuation, grammar, and spelling are correct. (7 points) _____

5. My project reflects pride in my work and quality of workmanship, and detail in artwork. It is creative using colors, and neatly done: all the edges of paper glued down, cutting is done neatly, and lines are drawn using a ruler. (7 points) _____

6. Rubric returned and all directions as stated in the rubric were followed. (7 points) _____

7. Finally, below give your opinion of **1** – the book and **2** – the book report. Be sure to include WHY with specific examples! (12 points)

TOTAL POINTS _____ /100

This is #7.

What was your favorite part of the book? What was your least favorite part or character and why? Be specific and give examples.

What did you like most about this book report? What did you like least? Be specific and give examples.