Integrated Arts and Academics Program

Pre-AP English 9

2014 Summer Project

Mrs. Wittwer

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ASSIGNMENT

1. Read a book from the **LIST OF NON-FICTION NOVELS** (if you find a non-fiction novel that you would like to read that is not on the list, contact Mrs. Wittwer for approval).
2. Prepare a **BOOK TALK** about your novel that you will share with your classmates the first week of school.
3. Complete a **PROJECT** from the project options provided and then share your project during your **BOOK TALK.**

BOOK TALK

Things to Discuss in Your Book Talk (5 minute presentation)

- Tell us the **title**, the name of the **author**
- Do some research on the author and tell us about other books he/she has written. (There may be some information on the book cover.)
- Tell us about the **setting**. Where and when did the story take place?
- Who is the main **character** in your book? Describe him/her.
- Was there a **conflict** or struggle that the character had to overcome?
- Share some story details but don't give away too much of the **plot**.
- What was the **mood** of this novel: funny, sad, exciting?
- What was the **theme**? (The central idea or lesson about life that the author wants to know.)
- Why did you like it? What do you remember most about the book?
- You may want to read a passage from your novel: an interesting quotation, a piece of good description or a memorable line or paragraph.
- Who would you recommend this book to and why?
- Why should the viewer want to go out and get this book?

LIST OF NON-FICTION NOVELS

1. The Burn Journals by Brent Runyon

The list author says:

> "On the sixteenth page of this incisive memoir, eighth-grader Brent Runyon drenches his bathrobe with gasoline and sets himself on fire. The burns cover 85 percent of his body and require six months of painful skin grafts and equally invasive mental-health rehabilitation. From the beginning, readers are immersed in the mind of 14-year-old Brent as he struggles to heal body and mind."

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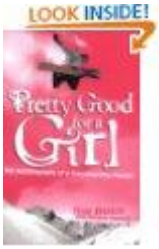

2. Pretty Good for a Girl: The Autobiography of a Snowboarding Pioneer by Tina Basich

The list author says:

> "Champion snowboarder Tina Basich tells her life story, explaining how she got into the sport, how she and her fellow female boarders helped it grow, how she has juggled with the pressures of life, love, competition, and how she has used her talents to help causes such as breast cancer research."

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3. Soul Surfer: A True Story of Faith, Family, and Fighting to Get Back on the Board by Sheryl Berk

The list author says:

> "The amazing story of the thirteen-year-old surfer girl who lost her arm in a shark attack but never lost her faith -- and of her triumphant return to competitive surfing."

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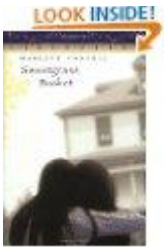

4. Sweetgrass Basket by Marlene Carvell

The list author says:

"Upon the death of their mother, Mattie and Sarah, two Mohawk sisters, are sent to the Carlisle Industrial School for Indians. Set at the turn of the 20th century, what follows is the poignant, haunting story of the sisters' experience."

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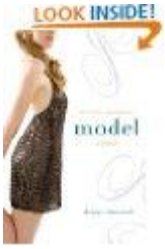

5. Model: A Memoir by Cheryl Diamond

The list author says:

"This is the riveting, true account of Cheryl's triumphant rise, disastrous fall, and phoenix-like comeback in one of the hottest and most demanding industries in the world, modeling."

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6. Girl, Interrupted by Susanna Kaysen

The list author says:

"The author describes her two-year stay at a psychiatric hospital renowned for its famous clientele and for its progressive methods of treatment."

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7. I Don't Want To Be Crazy by Samantha Schutz

The list author says:

"This is a true story of growing up, breaking down, and coming to grips with a psychological disorder. When Samantha left home for college, she was excited by the possibilities. At first, she reveled in the independence, but as pressures increased, she began to suffer anxiety attacks that would leave her mentally shaken and physically incapacitated. Thus began a hard road of discovery and coping."

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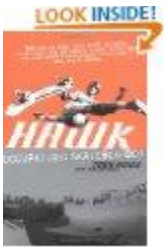

8. Hawk: Occupation: Skateboarder by Sean Mortimer

The list author says:

> "Internationally known American skateboarding champ Tony Hawk chronicles his life and his very eventful involvement in the sport."

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★★★★★(76 customer reviews)

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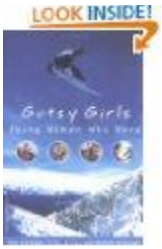

9. Gutsy Girls: Young Women Who Dare by Tina Schwager

The list author says:

> "In the first section, the authors profile 25 young women between the ages of 14 and 24 who have demonstrated considerable mental and physical courage in pursuit of personal challenges. Part two, "How to Be Gutsy Yourself," offers information on getting one's mind and body in shape."

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10. Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter by Adeline Yen Mah

The list author says:

> "Chinese Cinderella is the perfect title for this compelling autobiography in which, like the fairy-tale maiden, Yen Mah's childhood was ruled by a cruel stepmother. It tells the story of her painful childhood in China where she lived until the age of fourteen with her father, stepmother, and siblings, all of whom considered her bad luck because her mother died shortly after giving birth to her."

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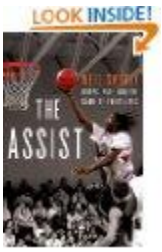

11. The Assist: Hoops, Hope, and the Game of Their Lives by Neil Swidey

The list author says:

> "This book introduces us to Jack O'Brien, the near-legendary coach at Charlestown High School in Boston, whose life "seemed to begin and end with basketball." His devotion to his players' well-being helped keep them off the streets and, in many cases, secured them college scholarships. His successes, including four state championships in a row, derived in great part from a "tough love" approach."

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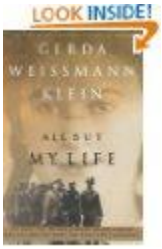

12. All But My Life: A Memoir by Barbara Rosenblatt

The list author says:

"Gerda Weissmann Klein tells us the story of a young girl forced into the events of the Nazi Holocaust. The story of a family torn apart never to see one another again. The story of Nazi work camps and death camps and seemingly endless inhumanity. Sadly, this story was her own."

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★★★★★(245 customer reviews)

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13. Barrio Boy by Ernesto Galarza

The list author says:

"This is the remarkable story of one boy's journey from a Mexican village so small its main street didn't have a name, to the barrio of Sacramento, California, bustling and thriving in the early decades of the twentieth century. When his family finally settles in Sacramento, young Ernesto encounters new experiences and influences that will forever shape his outlook and broaden his

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horizons."

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14. A Child Called It: One Child's Courage to Survive by Dave J. Pelzer

The list author says:

"This autobiographical account charts the abuse of a young boy as his alcoholic mother first isolates him from the rest of the family; then torments him; and finally nearly kills him through starvation, poisoning, and one dramatic stabbing."

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15. Katie.com: My Story by Katherine Tarbox

The list author says:

"Katie Tarbox explains how and why she became involved, at the age of thirteen, with an Internet stalker, a middle-aged man who had told her he was a wealthy twenty-three-year-old; and shares the story of her ordeal after she realized, almost too late, that he was a sexual predator."

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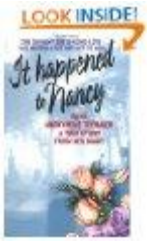

16. It Happened to Nancy: By an Anonymous Teenager, A True Story from Her Diary by Beatrice Sparks

The list author says:

"Product Description
The editor of the classic GO ASK ALICE has compiled the poignant journals of a 14-year-old date-rape victim who contracted AIDS and died."

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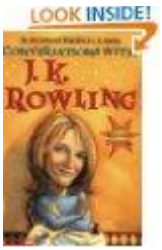

17. Conversations with J. K. Rowling by Lindsey Fraser

The list author says:

> "This is the first and only true telling of Ms. Rowling's history because it is in her own words, from her birth in Chipping Sodbury near Bristol, England, to the stories about her favorite and least favorite teachers in school growing up, and to the funny misunderstanding in her first fan letter."

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18. Witch-Hunt: Mysteries of the Salem Witch Trials by Marc Aronson

The list author says:

> "An acclaimed young adult historian sifts through the facts, myths, half-truths, misinterpretations, and theories around the Salem witch trials to present readers with a vivid, nonfiction narrative of one of the most compelling mysteries in American history."

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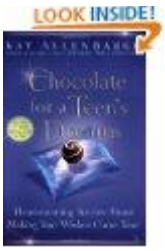

19. Chocolate for a Teen's Dreams: Heartwarming Stories About Making Your Wishes Come True (Chocolate Series) by Katherine A. Briccetti

The list author says:

> "A collection of real-life stories written by teenage girls and women relating their dreams concerning such things as love, friendship, and recognition of their talents, and how they make dreams and wishes come true."

$15.25 Used & New from: $0.01
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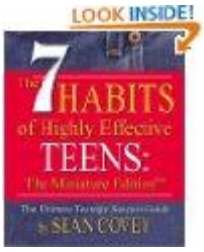

20. The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens: The Miniature Edition by Sean Covey

The list author says:

> "Being a teenager is wonderful and challenging. Sean Covey applies the timeless principles of the 7 Habits to teens and the tough issues and life-changing decisions they face. An indispensable book for teens, as well as parents, grandparents, and any adult who influences young people, this book is destined to become the last word on surviving and thriving as a teen and beyond."

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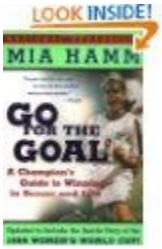

21. Go For the Goal: A Champion's Guide To Winning In Soccer And Life by Mia Hamm

The list author says:

> "This is not only the inspiring story of how a tiny suburban sprite became a global terror with a ball (and the world) at her feet, it's also a step-by-step or dribble-by-dribble guide for any kid with the all-American dream of making the team and becoming a champion, showing exactly how to master the silky skills and techniques that have made Hamm and her teammates the finest women's soccer team."

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(63 customer reviews)

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22. Farewell to Manzanar by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston

The list author says:

> "Farewell to Manzanar is the true story of one spirited Japanese-American family's attempt to survive the indignities of forced detention . . . and of a native-born American child who discovered what it was like to grow up behind barbed wire in the United States."

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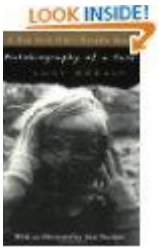

23. Autobiography of a Face by Lucy Grealy

The list author says:

> "At age nine, Lucy Grealy was diagnosed with a potentially terminal cancer. When she returned to school with a third of her jaw removed, she faced the cruel taunts of classmates. In this strikingly candid memoir, Grealy tells her story of great suffering and remarkable strength without sentimentality and with considerable wit."

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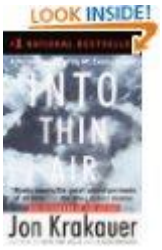

24. Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster by Jon Krakauer

The list author says:

> "A childhood dream of someday ascending Mount Everest, a lifelong love of climbing, and an expense account all propelled writer Jon Krakauer to the top of the Himalayas last May. His powerful, cautionary tale of an adventure gone

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horribly wrong is a must-read."

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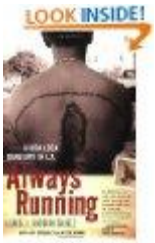

25. Always Running: La Vida Loca: Gang Days in L.A. by Luis J. Rodriguez

The list author says:

"Always Running documents Rodriguez' youth as an East Los Angeles gang member in an effort to steer his teenage son, Ramiro, away from the gang that he recently joined. A member of various Latino gangs based in and around the South San Gabriel Valley during the late 1960s, Rodriguez participated in random acts of violence, and was imprisoned on several occasions for the crimes he committed."

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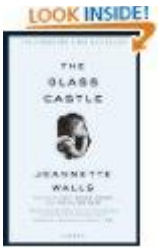

26. The Glass Castle: A Memoir by Jeannette Walls

The list author says:

> "Walls chronicles her upbringing at the hands of eccentric, nomadic parents--Rose Mary, her frustrated-artist mother, and Rex, her brilliant, alcoholic father. A thoughtful and sensitive memoir told with such grace, kindness and fabulous sense of humor.
> It's probably the best account ever written of a dysfunctional family, which any reader will relate to it (as written by an Amazon.com user)."

$9.41 Used & New from: $0.01
(3,494 customer reviews) | 1 customer discussion

PROJECT OPTIONS

Option #1: A Book: “The Lessons of (author/narrator).”

Directions:

1. Look through the novel and locate a minimum of 5 passages where the author/narrator teaches some sort of lesson about life. Bookmark these so you can find them later.

2. Create a "facing-page" booklet of these lessons. On one side, copy (by hand or by photocopy) the actual text where author/narrator is teaching a lesson. On the other side, write a concise, clear paragraph which explains the following:

3. What is the lesson author/narrator is trying to teach?

4. What situation in the novel inspired author/narrator to teach this lesson?

5. How is this lesson important to the overall novel?

6. Also write a short, two to three paragraph "introduction" to put as "page one" of your booklet. This introduction should include the title and author of the novel, a VERY brief overview of what happens in the book, and an explanation about who the characters are. The introduction should also state that the goal of your booklet is to look at the lessons author/narrator teaches.

7. Collect your writings and your copied examples together into a clean and pleasant looking booklet.

Option #2: A Picture Book

Directions:

1. Create a storyboard (comic strip) of the main events which occur from the beginning of the novel to the end.
2. Draw a minimum of 20 "freeze-frames" or "comic strip scenes" which show key moments in the story.
3. Write two-sentence captions for each of your "freeze-frames" which explain what is happening in that moment and what is being said, why it is being said, and how the statements affect the characters or plot.
4. Collect your drawings into a well-presented, nice-looking booklet OR poster.

Option #3: A Play

Directions:

1. Turn the novel into a play by writing a script.

2. The play must have a minimum of 5 Acts with a minimum of 3 scenes per Act.

3. It must be typed and presented in a professional looking folder.

Option #4: Create Your Own Project

Directions:

1. If you would like to create your own project you must submit a clear plan to Mrs. Wittwer by email and have the project approved prior to beginning the project.
2. The project must show depth of understanding of the novel.
3. The project must demonstrate your artistic talent (writing, drawing, painting, videography, dance, stop animation, etc.).