

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Project

This summer you will be reading a book of your own choice. It can be any genre, but should be at least 200 pages long. You will then create a poster and an essay according to the instructions below. I am going to grade you on your ability to follow instructions as much as what you write.

You will use 14X22 poster board held vertically. I usually get this in CVS in packs of 3 or 5. We will be using this size poster board again throughout the year so it is worth it to buy it. Please do not use cardboard that you cut up or foam board or anything other than the white poster board. I cannot display them otherwise.

Design a new cover for the book that takes up the entire poster board. The title of the book should be centered across the top of the poster. Put the author's name in smaller letters centered under the title.

Put your name in the lower right hand corner. Use the entire poster board. Make it colorful and it should represent something about your story. I do not expect you to be a fantastic artist but I do expect you to be neat and to use the tools that are available to you, like rulers.

Make sure your coloring all goes in one direction and that you stay in the lines. I'm not a fan of marker, and prefer colored pencils or crayon because they are easier to correct. If you choose to use marker be careful and I would use it sparingly.

If you choose to print and past a picture or text your poster please be sure to glue it securely. There should be no loose or curling edges on anything that is glued.

I do not want to see any rips, tears, smudges, erasure marks or glue marks. Be Neat. And above all- NO GLITTER.

Then I want you to write a **2 paragraph essay** summarizing your book. Be sure to include a clear introduction that does **not** begin with a question. Write in the 3<sup>rd</sup> person only. That means no 'I' or 'you'. Be sure to have a clear conclusion. Do Not ask me how many sentences. The answer will be the same as always: dazzle me with as many sentences as you need to give me a complete picture in my mind.

Type, print and glue to the back of your poster.

This will be due the second day of school.

Happy Reading!