

You are to complete 2 (two) of the following activities per annum. One(1) must be completed the 1st 9 weeks with the other being completed the 2nd 9 weeks. One may not repeat a theme.

You will select a theme of literature. For all of the works in that theme, read each and keep a reading journal of each work. For each work, list the title and author's full name. e.g. "The Masque of the Red Death" by Edgar Allan Poe

After reading all of the works in a theme, select 2 and complete 2 different activities, one activity per selection.

Activities

1. Research a historical aspect of the reading selection. Prepare a presentation (power point, poster, etc.) as to how and where does this selection fit with the history.
2. Create a movie poster for the selection. Remember to cast your leading actors and actresses.
3. Select any 3 selections (including any from class) and plan a literary field trip. Provide a map of the locations to visit and costs.
4. Create a children's book of the reading selection.
5. Design a compact disc(CD) cover for the theme of literature selected. Select 10 songs of any genre(classical, country, rock etc.) for the selections.
6. Create a puzzle to review vocabulary, characters, etc from the literature.
7. Create a game to review the selection.
8. Write song lyrics to accompany a selection.
9. Research the author of a selection. Prepare a timeline of his/her life and demonstrate where this selection fits into the author's life.
10. Research the author of a selection. Read another work by this same author and compare/contrast the works by examining the themes, settings, etc. of the works.
11. Write a letter/ e-mail or text to the author to express your joy/sadness,disgust with the selection.
12. Rewrite a scene or ending of the selection.
13. Create a panel discussion using characters from at least 2 selections for a television show. You select the type of show(Oprah type vs. Jerry type). Develop 20 questions for the guests and their answers.
14. Write a newspaper article for the selection.
15. Illustrate the selection using art. You pick the medium to use.(ink, pencil, water colors, sketch, etc....)
16. Develop 15 questions which could serve as a questionnaire dealing with the topic of the selection. When this is finished, give me a copy of the questions, and the students will complete your survey. Then, you can tally the results and comment upon them.
17. Select 12 vocabulary words I did not know in the selection. Complete a circle map on each word. Refer to your circle map for vocabulary. Write a summary of the selection using at least 6 of the unknown vocabulary words.
18. Write a jingle/song/ poem to illustrate your feelings about this selection.

19. Create a list of your top 10 favorite short stories or poems. Write one(1) statement as to why this has “made” your list.
20. Create an original dialogue using two(2) characters from any two(2) selections. The characters cannot be in the same original work(e.g.-Mary talks with her husband from “Lamb to the Slaughter”).
21. Create a pamphlet or brochure explaining why a student should/should not read these selections.
22. Write a letter to your Congressman, Senator, et al., to express your opinion about an issue raised in your selection. We can actually mail these and wait for the response.
23. Compare a story and poem from the theme groups. Complete a double-bubble map on these selections. In one paragraph explain why I choose to place these works together.
24. Determine the time period of a selection. Research historical events which happened during that time period. Write 12 questions which could be used on *Jeopardy* for these historical events. Name your categories-one for the regular then double *Jeopardy*. Supply the answers. This can be presented via the computer.

Theme selections for anchor activities

(IR) indicates the selection can be found in the Interactive Reader, which you must check out from the teacher.

Man vs. Nature

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| “And of Clay Are We Created”() | “A Storm in the Mountain”(539) |
| “Into Thin air”(411) | “Remember”(608) |
| “Ill-Equipped”(315) | “The Man in the Water”(321) |
| “Explorers Say There’s Still Lots to Look for”(429) | “Good Samaritans...”336) |
| “If Decency Doesn’t , Law Should Make Us Samaritans”(332) | |

Man vs. Himself

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| “Coming of Age, Latino Style”(488) | “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening”(510) |
| “Vision Quest”(489) | “After Apple Picking”(511) |
| “Crossing Threshold to Adulthood”(490) | “Small Portions” (535) |
| “Through the Tunnel”(477) | “The Rat Trap”(463) |

Death

“The Colomber”(4)

“Grape Sherbert”(548)

“The Legend”(552)

“Typhoid Fever”(227)

“The Californian’s Tale”[IR 96]

“The Artilleryman’s Vision”[IR 236]

Family

“Contents of a Dead Man’s Pocket”(14)

“Double Daddy”(31)

“You want a social life, with friends”(28)

“Diary of a Mad Blender”(34)

“The child’s View of Working Parents”(36)

“Those Winter Sundays”[IR 93]

“A Celebration of Grandfathers”[IR 145]

“What Price Glory”(76)

“Deprived of Parent time?”(77)

“Same Song”(542)

Disaster

“The Leap”(41)

“The Day the Clowns Died”(50)

“The Word”(581)

“The First Seven Years”(267)

“Ill-Equipped Rescuers Dig Out Volcano Victims”(315)

Life

“Two Kinds”(125)

“By any Other name”(139)

“Evacuation order No. 19”(712)

“Geraldo, No Last Name”(650)

The Secret Garden” (166)

“TheBass, the River, and Sheila Mant”(291)

“Sonnet For heaven Below” (689)

“Once More to the Lake” [IR 61]

“Through the One-Way Mirror”[IR 53]
anchor activities

“The border: A Glare of Truth” [IR 94] Rubric for

5 points	3 points	no points
elements of activity ALL present(counts 3 times)	1 element of activity missing	Where is the activity?

no spelling errors	1-2 spelling errors	3+ spelling errors
size of font and type of font are easy to read	size and type of font present some trouble for reading	Who can read this font and size?
extremely easily explains your activity	somewhat explains your activity	What are you doing?
visuals complement fully your topic	visuals somewhat complement your topic	I inserted the visual last period
no grammatical errors	1-2 grammatical errors	3+ grammatical errors
all elements are completed with the utmost diligence to details	all elements are completed with diligence	I put this together last period.