

Independent Reading Book (Non)Report

Choose one of the following projects to complete on your independent reading book.

1) **Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down!** Write a review of the book you read, in the style of a movie review. Conclude your review by awarding a thumbs up or thumbs down on the book. When you give your presentation to the class, offer your review as though you are a professional reviewer on television.

2) **Write a Letter to the Author.** After reading your book, share your reactions to the book in a letter written to its author. Be honest yet tactful in your letter, telling not only what you liked about the book, but also what you disliked.

3) **Sell It!** Pretend to be a publicist for the book you read. Write and deliver a 60-second speech that will persuade other students that they should read the book. Writing and speaking persuasively will be especially difficult if you didn't like the book. If that's the case, you can share that fact after completing the speech.

4) **Interview a Character.** Compose six to eight questions to ask a main character in your book. Also, write the character's response to each question. The questions and answers should provide information that shows you read the book without giving away the most significant details.

5) **Script It!** Write a movie script for a favorite scene in your book. At the top of the script, you can assign real-life TV or movie stars to play each role. You might also ask other classmates to help you perform the favorite scene on presentation day.

6) **In the News!** Create the front page of a newspaper that tells about events and characters in your book. The newspaper page might include weather reports, an editorial or editorial cartoon, ads, etc. The title of the newspaper should be something appropriate to the book.

7) **Create a Comic Book.** Turn your book, or part of it, into a comic book, complete with comic-style illustrations and dialogue bubbles.

8) **"Dear Diary."** Create a diary or journal and write at least five entries that might have been written by a character your book. The entries should share details about the story that will prove you read the book.