

## Trimester Project

This project will mostly be worked on independently throughout the trimester. At least once a week we will work on this during class. This project is the equivalent of your trimester exam. All projects will be presented in class and are worth 20% of your grade.

### **Grading:**

For this project you will “contract” your grade. Below you will see a breakdown for each possible grade. Please keep in mind that this does not mean you will receive this grade. This contract is your commitment to the quantity and quality of the work you’ll produce; however, I’ll be the judge of the quality 😊

\*\* If you choose a B contract and decide later to aim for an A, this switch CAN NOT be made. However, if you choose an A contract and then decide to step down to a B, this switch CAN be made. Raise your expectations!!

You may choose one of the following projects:

**\*Author Study:** Read YA novels written by the same author. Series do not count (i.e. *Twilight* Saga by Stephenie Meyer). Create a presentation including a synopsis of each book, your review of the book, information about the author, etc. The more extensive details of this project will be typed and turned in along with the visual.

C Contract: Read at least one YA novel

B Contract: Read at least two YA novels.

A Contract: Read three or more YA novels.

**Original YA Novel:** Begin your own YA novel. The novel must include a topic that relates to teens and has a protagonist between the ages 12-18. Read some young adult novels that are similar to your topic to use as a guide or inspiration.

C Contract: Read at least one YA novel and write at least one chapter.

B Contract: Read at least two YA novels and write at least two chapters.

A Contract: Read two or more YA novels and write three or more chapters.

**Banned Books Campaign:** Read books that are included on the banned books list or that have been subject to banning/removal from schools and/or libraries. Write a review of these books and create an advertisement that promotes these books. It will be placed in the media center with the permission of the media specialist.

The typed reviews will be turned in along with your visual. Your review will follow normal book review guidelines, but it will also include the details of when/where the book has been censored and how you feel about the censorship.

C Contract: Read at least one banned YA novel.

B Contract: Read at least two banned YA novels.

A Contract: Read at least three banned YA novels.

**\*Books with a Similar Theme:** Read books that deal with a similar theme or issue such as life changes, drug abuse, outcasts, etc. Construct a reference guide and a visual presentation of the books.

Your reference guide will follow the regular book review guidelines, but you will also include how the novel fits in your theme. This reference guide will be typed and turned in with your visual.

C Contract: Read at least one YA novel.

B Contract: Read at least two YA novels.

A Contract: Read three or more YA novels.

**Genre Study:** Expand your reading repertoire by reading books from a genre you normally do not choose to read. Some possible genres include historical fiction, sci-fi, fantasy, etc (all YA of course). Create a visual presentation discussing the books, your thoughts, what you normally read, and if you plan to read books in this genre again.

Your more detailed information should be typed and turned in.

C Contract: Read at least one YA novel.

B Contract: Read at least two YA novels.

A Contract: Read at least three YA novels.

**Books Turned to Movies:** Read young adult novels that have been turned into movies. Put a presentation together discussing similarities, changes you would make, casting changes, etc. Read the book THEN watch the movie 😊

A detailed explanation for each book/movie will be typed and turned in.

C Contract: Read and watch at least one YA novel/movie.

B Contract: Read and watch at least two YA novels/movies.

A Contract: Read and watch at least three YA novels/movies.

**Book Trailers:** If you are skilled with Movie Maker or similar software, this is the project for you! Choose any of the projects above, and create book trailers for the books you read. You will also give the class a quick demo on how you created the trailer. Be prepared to explain your choices in music, images, etc. in a typed response.

**\*\*Note:** When using Movie Maker, downloading the trailers onto a flash drive does not work. Be prepared to download your trailers onto a DVD.

See above grading, but include book trailers.

**Student Choice:** Design your own project. This must be approved by me first.

\*These projects are not recommended for students who are contracting for a C.