Novel Study- Choice Board

Writing

1. Write any type of poem about your book (at least 25 lines)
2. Write two articles for a newspaper published at the time of, or in the city/town of, your book
3. Write a diary for your favorite character (at least 5 separate “entries” in the diary)
4. Write a different ending for your book, or write the first chapter of a possible sequel
5. Do research on any topic connected with your novel (i.e.: robots), and write a short informative text (minimum 250 words)
6. Write a letter to the author of the novel. Include your opinion of the book, as well as a few questions that you still have. Follow proper letter-writing procedures.

Character

1. Make a time line of the events in the life of the main character
2. Make up five interview questions for the main character (as if s/he were on a news show). Then, write his/her answers.
3. For a film about your book, which actor/actress would you recommend for the leading role? Who would play the supporting characters? Explain, in detail, why you made those selections.
4. Create a greeting text or postcard that your main character might send to another person in the story. Design the front and text, plus a message from your character. Specify whether the card would be sent during the story, or after its end.
5. Make a job application for the main character and fill it in.
6. Using a Venn Diagram (or another suitable graphic representation), compare and contrast two characters from your novel

Visual/Media

1. List the “bad guys” in the story. Create “WANTED” posters for 2 of the bad guys. Include names, pictures and descriptions, what the characters are wanted for, where the characters were last seen, and any other important details
2. Prepare a travel brochure for the area described in your novel
3. Design a new cover for your book. Refer to other book covers to see what to include
4. Draw a comic strip version of a section or scene from your book
5. Create a poster to advertise the novel. Imagine it will hang in a library or bookstore. What could you include on the poster to convince reluctant readers to try this novel?
6. In chart form, compare the written novel to the film or movie version
7. Create a model, diorama, painting or other artistic product that shows an important scene or event from your novel

Speaking/Listening

1. Deliver a book talk for your novel. Give a short summary – no major spoilers! – , talk about what you liked, and do a short reading from one of your favorite scenes. Your job is to convince everyone else to read this book! Be prepared to present to the class.
2. Dramatize your favorite incident from the book (this option may include more than one group member working together, and can be performed in class or completed as a video)
3. Write a TV commercial to advertise your book
4. Read a descriptive passage from your book to the class. Prepare a short listening quiz. (5-10 questions related to your reading)
5. Write a song about events in the story

Notes:

\*You must select one option from each of the 4 categories. Not all products will be presented to the class, but you should be prepared to talk about your work and have it left on display in the classroom. (In other words, please take pride in your work and do the best you can!)

\*All products will be due shortly after March Break (Monday, March 18th), so don’t waste time in getting started! You will have time after each Literature Circle Meeting to work on this project, as well as *some* class time following the completion of your literature circle meetings. The sooner you choose your projects, the sooner you can get working on them.

\*If none of these selections suit you, there are more possibilities. If you have a suggestion or proposal, come to me to ask. If you need an idea, come to me to ask. I am happy to help and will try to accommodate your requests!

\*The projects require you to use your creativity and imagination, in relation to the novel that you studied. Keep in mind that creativity will be rewarded (creativity *does not* equal artistic skill), but careful attention to detail in the novel will also be rewarded.