**9th Grade Digital Summer Reading Instruction Sheet**

In order to remain in honors or get into honors classes for the first time, all students must complete a summer reading project. This will be graded in the project category of the grade book. Project category grades count as 20% of their overall grade. This project is will be submitted to Google Classroom no later then 3:30 PM  ***ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR*** not the first day of the semester they have an English class. The requirements are as follows. Please refer to the rubric for further grading information.

1. Should you choose to complete the digital version of this project, you will be creating a portfolio using Google Drive and submitting it using Google Classroom. You will create each of the following documents individually, and then create a 5-7 minute audio or video presentation discussing (briefly) each of the elements of your project. Each document should be titled what is written in bold on this instruction sheet.
2. **Background Information:** You will create a Google Doc that includes the title, author, and Lexile level of the book you read.
3. **Vocabulary Slideshow:** Your portfolio must include a Google Slides presentation that presents 20 new vocabulary words from the book on a separate slide. Each slide should display the vocabulary word, the definition, and the quote with page number in which the vocabulary word was found.
4. **Setting Timeline and Events:** You should use Google Docs/Lucidchart to create a timeline recording 10 events from the novel that range from beginning to end and the setting in which each event takes place. The descriptions of settings should be detailed the events should be described in detail. Settings and events should come from throughout the novel, which means you should have something from each point in the book, not just one section. Use shapes and text boxes to create your timeline.
5. **Character Map:** Your poster should include a character map that names ALL of the characters in the novel and describes them. This should be creative as well as informative. Character descriptions must include physical description, personality, age, name, and main character or supporting character. You should clearly identify and label the protagonist(s) and antagonist(s). You should use Google Docs/Lucidchart to create this map using shapes and textboxes as you did for your timeline. You should label the lines connecting characters to show the relationships between characters.
6. **Plot Diagram:** Diagram is labeled and includes a description of the exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution. The diagram should include a minimum of 9 events. The diagram may include pictures along with written descriptions. This should be created on a Google Doc/Lucidchart, and you should use shapes and text boxes to create it. You can also find a plot diagram on Google and copy and paste it to use as the basic shape of your plot diagram.
7. **Theme Essay:** Theme (repeated idea that could apply outside of this text) is stated clearly in the thesis statement. Only one theme is the focus of the essay. Theme discussion is about how that theme works within the novel’s text. Essay is in paragraph form between 150 to 250 words. Essay is free of grammatical and mechanical errors. Essay has a clear introduction, thesis, and conclusion.
8. **Presentation:**You will use audio or video recording software to create an audio or video presentation of 5-7 minutes in length. In your video or audio clip, you will discuss each of the aspects of your project briefly. You are discussing the information NOT reading off of your documents. You may upload your video to YouTube and provide us with a link or simply upload the file to Google Drive or you can create an audio file uploaded to Google Drive.

Teachers will be available throughout the summer via email to answer questions about this project. We are more than willing to answer any questions that you may have as long as they are specific and relevant to the project. When possible, some teachers may be willing to meet at the school over the summer to help with these projects. Below is a list of resources that may help you as you work.

* **Lucid Chart:** This is free as long as you don't have over 60 elements.
* **ReadWriteThink Plot Diagram Creator:** http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/student-interactives/plot-diagram-30040.html
* **TimelineJS:** http://timeline.knightlab.com