



Historical Fiction

Project Management Plan

Grade 8
Winter 2016

Project Overview

Primary Objective:

Through the shared reading, analyzing, and discussing of historical fiction, we will understand that literature is a record of the human experience and provides insights into our own lives, as well as the lives of those living in other times and places.

Team Requirements:

- Selection of Appropriate* Text - Historical Fiction
 - Role Assignments / Schedule
 - Project Time Management Plan
 - Literature Circle Contract
 - Bi-Weekly Analysis & Discussion of Text
 - Brief Oral Summary
 - Use of Reflective Discussion Questions
 - Connecting – Self / Other Texts / World
 - Weekly Quote Analysis & Presentation
 - Compilation of Historical Research into an appropriate Infographic
 - Prezi or Google Presentation showcasing the historical time period represented within the text and the insights gained from reading this piece of historical fiction that allow us to better understand the human experience.
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Individual Requirements:

- Selection of appropriate* text - Historical Fiction
- Individual Time Management Plan
- Reading of the Text (meeting deadlines)
- Weekly Reading Log
- Word Cloud Incorporating Vivid Terminology Representative of the Text's Theme
- Notes / Completion of Individual Role Assignments (Due Following Group Sessions)
- Completion of Literature Circle Contract Components

* Text must meet minimum length requirements and have a Lexile level within the independent range for all group members.

Assignment Roles

Project Manager: In addition to your assigned supporting roles, you are responsible for retrieving your group's project folder prior to each Lit Circle, reminding each team member of their role during that particular session, and keeping each member of the team focused on the task at hand. At the conclusion of the group time, you will need to wrap-up the session by reviewing the roles for the next meeting. You may also need to remind absent group members of missed responsibilities.

Supporting Roles: All members will rotate through the following positions.

- ❖ **Communication Specialist:** Responsible for beginning each Lit Circle with a brief summary of the assigned reading. As the Communications Specialist you will compile a list of at least 3 questions regarding the text to use, in addition to the provided question stems / discussion cards, and facilitate the overall discussion of the text. You will also ensure every team member has opportunities to participate in the discussion, through the use of strategic questioning techniques (ex: That is an interesting idea, can you tell us more about why you think that? What do you think about that, ____? Let's hear what ____ thinks.).
- ❖ **Administrative Assistant:** Responsible for compiling a list of at least 3 confusing/difficult words or phrases and defining them prior to Lit Circle. Additionally, as Administrative Assistant, you must record attendance, note participation, and submit Session Notes for your team.
- ❖ **Graphic Designer:** Responsible for sharing an artistic representation of the book. This representation may be drawn by hand or through the use of technology, but must showcase idea(s), scene(s), and/or theme(s) from the text. This image or images will then be shared and discussed during Lit Circle.
- ❖ **Literary Analyst:** Responsible for choosing at least two powerful, confusing, perplexing, or important sections from the required reading and explaining why you felt these excerpts were worth sharing and discussing during the Lit Circle.
- ❖ **Global Marketer:** Responsible for finding at least two connections between the required reading and the world (ex: song representing a similar theme, historical facts, current event/news relating to similar situations). This connection will then be shared with group.
- ❖ **Behavioral Psychologist:** Responsible for keeping track of a specific character's behaviors and what those behaviors say about his/her internal thoughts. These observations will be shared and discussed during the Lit Circle.

Role Assignments

Project Manager:						
Name	Dates Spent In Each Role (Each Team Member Must Take On Each Role At Least Once)					
	Communication Specialist	Administrative Assistant	Graphic Designer	Literary Analyst	Global Marketer	Behavioral Psychologist
Example	2/29, 3/14	3/2, 3/16	3/4	3/7	3/9	3/11

Team- Project Time Management Plan

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Checklist:

- Reading Plan** What page # do you expect the group to be on at the end of the week / for each lit circle / or on a specific date?
- Weekly Quote Reflection** What day will your group complete this?
- Historical Infographic** When will the team work on this?
- End Project** – When will you work on this?

Individual - Project Time Management Plan

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p style="text-align: center;">Checklist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Reading Plan What page # do you need to be on for specific dates? <input type="checkbox"/> Reading Log Complete prior to the date your group does the weekly quote reflection. <input type="checkbox"/> Infographic Research What do you need to prepare? <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Activities When will you submit each of the activities chosen from the Individual Lit. Circle Contract? <input type="checkbox"/> Word Cloud Use the vivid vocabulary- from log <input type="checkbox"/> End Project – What do you need to complete prior to this? 		

Communications Specialist

Name: _____

Job Description

The Communications Specialist is responsible for beginning each Lit Circle with a brief summary of the assigned reading. As the Communications Specialist you will compile a list of at least 3 questions regarding the text to use, in addition to the provided question stems / discussion cards, and facilitate the overall discussion of the text. You will also ensure every team member has opportunities to participate in the discussion, through the use of strategic questioning techniques(ex: That is an interesting idea, can you tell us more about why you think that? What do you think about that, ____? Let's hear what ____ thinks.).

Create possible discussion questions for the meeting in which you will serve as the Communications Specialist.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Consider The Following While Reading & Developing Questions:

- ❖ What were you thinking about while you read this portion of the text?
- ❖ How did this portion of the text make you feel? Why?
- ❖ What questions did you have when you finished reading this portion?
- ❖ Did anything in this section surprise you? Why or why not?
- ❖ What themes or major ideas seemed to develop in this portion of text?
- ❖ What are your predictions?
- ❖ Why do you feel the author wanted to write this?

Meeting Date: _____

Reading Assignment: _____

Session Date:

Administrative Assistant

Name:

Job Description

The Administrative Assistant is responsible for compiling a list of at least 3 confusing / difficult words or phrases and defining them prior to Lit Circle. Additionally, as Administrative Assistant, you must record attendance, note participation, and submit Session Notes for your team.

Create possible discussion questions for the meeting in which you will serve as the Communications Specialist.

Page / Paragraph	Word / Phrase	Definition	Why is this word important?

Session Notes:

Reading Assignment:

Name	In Attendance?	Active Participant?	Prepared?	Role For Next Lit Circle

Important Ideas:

Graphic Designer

Name:

Meeting Date:

Reading Assignment:

Student may use additional/alternate pages for illustration.

Job Description

The Graphic Designer is responsible for sharing an artistic representation of the book. This representation may be drawn by hand or through the use of technology, but must showcase idea(s), scene(s), and/or theme(s) from the text. This image or images will then be shared and discussed during Lit Circle.

Literary Analyst

Name:

Job Description

The Literary Analyst is responsible for choosing at least two powerful, confusing, perplexing, or important sections from the required reading and explaining why you felt these excerpts were worth sharing and discussing during the Lit Circle.

Meeting Date:

Reading Assignment:

Identify the portions of text that you want to read and discuss during the Lit. Circle in the space below.

Location of Excerpt	Rationale For Choosing The Passage
Page Paragraph	
Page Paragraph	
Page Paragraph	

Global Marketer

Name:

Job Description

The Global Marketer is responsible for finding at least two connections between the required reading and the world (ex: song representing a similar theme, historical facts, current event/news relating to similar situations). This connection will then be shared with group.

Describe at least two connections between the required reading and the world.

1. _____

2. _____

Meeting Date:

Reading Assignment:

Behavioral Psychologist

Name:

Job Description

The Behavioral Psychologist is responsible for keeping track of a specific character's behaviors and what those behaviors say about his/her internal thoughts. These observations will be shared and discussed during the Lit Circle.

Describe the characters, their behaviors and responses, and what you infer from those actions.

Character:	Example Of Behavior	My Inferences What do I believe this character was thinking / feeling?
Descriptive Adjective:		
Page # Paragraph #		

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Descriptive Adjective:		
Page # Paragraph #		

Meeting Date:

Reading Assignment:

Weekly Quote Analysis

After each member of the team has shared the powerful quote they choose from this week's reading, decide on the quote your team believes to be the most powerful. Be prepared to explain to the class why you choose this specific quote.

Team Members:

Powerful Quote:

**Why is this quote powerful?
What does it mean to your group?**

Which group member(s) originally located this quote?