

Grade 8 - Read Aloud Assignment

Book Cover



You are hired to do the illustration for the cover of the novel. To do this you would be working with the author. This writer would have completed a huge amount of research to write this novel. You will have to conduct research (yourself) to discover images of the time period and create a cover theme to make the novel interesting and appealing. If there is no specific time period - consider elements of the novel that will give you clues. Clothes, vehicles, music, technology.

1. Aspects of the novel to consider:

- The setting - remember the 3 parts of the definition
- The plot - consider the aspects of plot (there are four) within plot
- Recall novel elements such as mood, imagery, and symbolism
Often this may dictate colour and graphic arrangement
- Think of suspense which builds to the climax or turning point
Ponder what happens to build suspense – is there violence? Is it love or revenge? These are only examples not directed toward your novel
- Theme – focus on what the author is trying to say or the messages that the book brings out

2. Create your cover on a ¼ sheet of Bristol board

You must include:

- The title of the book
- The author's name
- Pictures that represent the era in which the story is being told and helps to create the correct mood
- Your cover should be creative and appealing to teenagers
- Short plot summary (5-8 sentences), that does not give away the ending

Grade 8 Language Arts

Read Aloud Novel Assignment

Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Overall visual appeal	/10
Choice of images/materials (use of colour, objects, etc.) are appropriate to the theme and mood of the novel	/5
Arrangement of images/material	/3
Artistic title	/1
Author's name	/1
Brief plot summary (5-8 sentences)	/10
Total	/30 = _____%

Comments: _____

