

What's in *Beyond the Book Report*?

SEASON ONE

The Basic Book Report

- Concepts introduced:
 - Following a rubric
 - Conflict, Point of View, Climax, Protagonist, Antagonist
 - Paraphrase and summary
- Activity:
 - Watch video lecture on literary terms
- Final Product (100 pt total):
 - Reading Log
 - Plot summary
 - Paraphrase of favorite scene
 - Study questions or crossword
 - Literary Terms worksheet

The Pamphlet Book Report

- Concepts introduced:
 - Elements of the plot, mood and tone, setting, genre
- Activity:
 - Watch second video lecture on literary terms
- Final Product (100 pt total):
 - Reading log
 - Pamphlet about the book (60 pts)
 - Study questions or crossword

The News Article Book Report

- Concepts introduced:
 - Headline, byline, dateline, inverted pyramid, lead
 - Objectivity, bias, objective point of view
- Activity:
 - Watch video lecture on news writing
 - Nursery rhyme news
 - Exercise in bias detection
- Final Product (100 pt total):
 - Reading log
 - News article on favorite scene
 - Opposite bias news article, same scene
 - Study questions/crossword

SEASON TWO

The Poetry Book Report

- Concepts introduced:
 - Figures of speech: alliteration, metaphor, hyperbole, simile, personification, etc.
 - Terms: stanza, rhyme scheme, verse, etc.
 - Types: sonnet, haiku, limerick, etc.
- Activity:
 - Watch video lecture on poetry
 - Watch video lecture on scansion and practice
 - Limerick activity
 - Poetic devices activity and log
 - Poetry Test
- Final Product (100 pt total):
 - Write four types of poetry based on your book
 - Haiku, limerick, narrative poem, and sonnet

The Drama Book Report

- Concepts introduced:
 - Terms: dialogue, monologue, 4th wall, cast, props, staging, aside, blocking, etc.
 - Genres: comedy, drama, farce, melodrama
- Activity:
 - Watch video lecture on drama and Shakespeare
 - Study *A Midsummer Night's Dream* with lecture support
 - AMND paraphrase/readers theater activity
 - Watch *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- Final Product (100 pt total):
 - Dramatization of favorite scene (60 pts)
 - Literary Terms worksheet (20 pts)
 - Study questions or crossword (20 pts)

SEASON THREE

The Essay

- Concepts introduced:
 - Personal, literary, and SAT essays
- Activity:
 - Expanded version of our "Teaching the Essay" unit including new video lectures
 - A series of essays on short stories
 - Drafting answers activity
 - A personal essay and SAT essay
- Final Product (100 pt total):
 - Essay on your book

The Oral Book Report

- Concepts introduced:
 - The DOs and DON'Ts of giving an oral presentation with slides
- Activity:
 - Watch video lecture on PowerPoint presentations
 - Find the errors in Mrs. Karl's presentation!
- Final Product (100 pt total):
 - PowerPoint presentation of book

The Research Paper

- Concepts introduced:
 - How to write a research paper
 - Each step is broken down
- Activity:
 - Expanded version of our "Teaching the Research Paper" unit including video lectures
 - Students write a research paper on a famous author
- Final Product (100 pt total):
 - Research paper on the book, defending a thesis