

Alternative Ideas to the “Traditional” Book Report

1. Design a newspaper based on the events of the book.
2. Design and make your own t-shirt to illustrate some aspect of the book.
3. Design costumes for the movie version of the book. Explain them.
4. Find a critic’s review of the book. Photocopy it and then write a comparison of your thoughts with the critic’s.
5. Illustrate 5 important scenes in the book in a PowerPoint and be prepared to tell the class the story of your book.
6. Make a “wanted” poster for 3 characters in the book.
7. Make a new book jacket (cover) for the book.
8. You’re the teacher. Make a test based on the book. It must have at least 20 questions.
9. Make a travel poster describing the location of the book’s action.
10. Put yourself in the place of the main character and write a description of how his or her life would have been different if you had been living it.
11. Select a character from the book who appealed to you. Write a diary with at least one week (7 days) of entries that this person might have kept. Be sure it relates to the events in the book.
12. Shrink down the entire book into a poem.
13. Tell what way this book has added to your life. What has it taught you? Did you discover anything about yourself or other people by reading this book? Be specific!
14. Transform the major characters in your book to animals. Decide upon an animal for each based upon personality traits. Write a letter to each telling why he/she is similar to the animal selected.
15. Create a collage to represent the mood of the book or its theme.
16. Write and illustrate a comic book version of your book.
17. Write a different ending for the book.
18. Write a letter to a friend recommending the book. Be sure to provide reasons related to the book for recommending it to your friend.
19. Write a letter to a major character asking about specific thing they did in the book. Now, answer the letter by being the character.
20. Write a magazine article by the main character in your book entitled, “My Greatest Challenge.”
21. Write an essay explaining why you would or wouldn’t like to live in the world portrayed in your book. Be specific.
22. Write another chapter for the story. Add yourself as a character.
23. You are a fortune teller and have been asked to predict what each of the characters in your book will be doing ten years after the story ends. Be sure to explain why you feel this will happen.
24. You can give a gift to a character of your choice and you have as much money as you need. Tell what the gift you would buy and why it would be appreciated.
25. You have been asked by one of the main people in your book to write a letter of recommendation for him/her for a college admissions committee. Describe good and bad points as honestly as possible.
26. Create a passport, travel-log, and map showing everywhere the main character in the book visited.