

Newbery Club Projects



Book Cover

Fold your paper to fit over your book. Draw and color a picture that represents what your book is about. Do not copy an illustration in the book. Be sure to write the name of the author and illustrator, and the title of the book on your cover. Write a brief description of the book on the inside of the cover you have made.

Collage

Gather things that remind you of your book, such as pictures from magazines, scraps of paper or fabric, sticks, dry leaves, seeds, etc. and show the feeling of your book by arranging and gluing the items on a piece of cardboard or poster board. Summarize your book on separate piece of paper.

Comic Strip

Learn how to format comic strips by reading some comics in the newspaper. Draw and write a story you read in a comic form. It must have at least five frames. Summarize your book on a separate piece of paper.

Crossword Puzzle

Use characters, places, objects, etc. from your book to make a crossword puzzle. Try to have ten clues going across, and ten clues going down. Be sure to include an answer key. Summarize your book on a separate piece of paper.

Map

Make a list of the features and/or places in the book. Draw symbols for each feature or place. For example = a house, = a tree. Using your symbols, draw a map of where your book takes place (the setting of the story). If characters move from place to place in the story, use a dashed line to show the paths. Label (write the name of the feature) and color in your map. Write a summary of the book on a separate piece of paper.

Poem

Write a poem about the story or one of the characters. It can be any style of poetry. Your poem must be at least four lines long. Summarize your book on a separate piece of paper.

Pop-Out Picture

Using markers or crayons, draw an outline of a simple object on the piece of white paper. Continue outlining the object using different colors until you reach the edge of the paper. Carefully cut out the first outline you drew (the inside one). Do Not cut into the surrounding outline in the background. Glue the leftover background onto the larger darker paper. Cut the sponge into small squares and glue them to the back of the cutout shape. Glue the cut-out shape back into the original position – only now it will “pop-out” from the back. Write a brief summary of your book on a separate piece of paper.

Riddle

Make up a riddle about one of the characters in your book, and then write, “Who is it?” Let others read the book and try to guess. Tell us what your book was about on a separate piece of paper.

Sequel

A sequel is another story that continues the story you just read. It tells what happens next. Sometimes it is fun to tell what happens to a person or character in the story, after the book has ended. Write a synopsis of your book, and write a sequel.

Shadow Box

Make a miniature stage showing a setting in your book. Use a shoebox or larger box. Use materials from around your house or yard to create your stage. Attach a synopsis (short summary) of your book to your shadow box.

Time Line

Pick out the main events in your story. Make a time line of the important events in the story and label these events. Be sure to include the title of the book, and author’s name. Tell us what your book was about on a separate piece of paper.

Word Search

Use characters, places, objects, etc. from your book to make a word search puzzle. Hide at least 15 words in your puzzle. Be sure to include an answer key. Summarize your book on a separate sheet of paper.

Write a Letter

Write a letter to the author of your Newbery book. Tell the author what you enjoyed about the book and why. Be specific. Ask at least three questions about their writing. Possible question topics include: plants to write future books, favorite book by the author, how long it took to write the book, an author that inspired him/her.