

## MECHS – Summer Reading Project Choice Board

**ALL STUDENTS TAKING AN ENGLISH CLASS AT MECHS:** The Summer Reading is a non-negotiable. You must complete 1 project for ONE of novels (See reverse side). You must give your project to your ELA teacher—**NO LATER THAN THE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.**

<p>Choose a significant line from your novel, explain why you chose this line, and why it is important to you or to the understanding of the novel. Your response must be a minimum of 1 page in length.</p> <p>+Be sure to cite the page and source info for any quotes!</p>	<p>Create an original poem, song or rap about this story or a specific scene/character.</p> <p>Be sure to explain why you wrote your piece and what inspired your choices. Your response must be a minimum of 1 page in length.</p> <p>+Be sure to cite the page and source info for quotes!</p>	<p>Consider an essential question the novel raises. In a 3-4 paragraph reflection (do NOT include a summary of the novel), identify an essential question posed by the novel and then discuss the ways in which the characters, situations, or events of the novel display that question.</p> <p>+ Be sure to include multiple quotes from the source to support your answer.</p>
<p>Create a 3D shadow box that details your novel.</p> <p>Include a written piece explaining what your project is about and what scene or character inspired this choice. Your response must be a minimum of 1 page in length..</p> <p>+Be sure to cite the page and source info for quotes!</p>	<p>Create a soundtrack for your novel.</p> <p>Include six (6) minimum songs and a written explanation for each song’s meaning as it relates to the story.</p> <p>+ Be sure to include a quote from the novel for each song.</p>	<p>Retell this story using a different point of view or setting, or with a different ending. You must include at least one (1) visual (an image, picture, clip art) to complement your version.</p> <p>Be sure to explain why you made the change(s) you did. Your response must be a minimum of two (2) pages in length.</p> <p>+ Be sure to include source info!</p>
<p>With a classmate, act out an appropriate scene from your novel for your English class. You may video tape and submit your work.</p> <p>Include a written piece explaining what your scene is about and why you chose this scene.</p> <p>+ Be sure to cite the page and source info for the quotes!</p>	<p>Character Journal: Choose one character from your book and write five to seven journal entries from his or her point of view. Detail the thoughts and feelings of this character as he or she experiences the plot of your novel.</p> <p>+ Each entry should be a half to one page in length, typed, double-spaced.</p>	<p>Create a map of the character’s journeys throughout the novel. Use evidence from the novel for the importance of each area on your map.</p> <p>+Be sure to cite the page and source info for the quotes!</p>

\*You may submit your assignment electronically to your English teacher at any time prior to the first Friday of the new school year.

**Please see the back of this handout for info about book choices.**

**MECHS Honors Classes:** Your English teachers have chosen appropriate, high interest novels for you. You must read one of these books for your project.

While not required for AB-Tech ENG students, it is recommended that you read one of the novels as well.

MLA is the required format for all project work. Projects without internal citations and Works Cited pages will not be given credit. Original work only—do not copy from classmates, internet, etc. That is plagiarism.

Choices—pick one	<i>The Namesake</i> - Jhumpa Lahiri <i>A Thousand Splendid Suns</i> - Khaled Hosseini <i>A Land More Kind than Home</i> - Wiley Cash <i>One Hundred Years of Solitude</i> - Gabriel Garcia Marquez <i>1984</i> - George Orwell <i>Atonement</i> —Ian McEwan <i>Perks of Being a Wallflower</i> – Stephen Chobsky
Further Activities	<p>In addition to the project on the choice board, when you return to school, you will participate in literature circles based on the novel you chose to read this summer. Other guided activities in September may include seminars and an essay.</p> <p>Enjoy your MECHS Summer Reading Project Choice Board and Madison County Library’s Bingo Card activity (chance to win a Kindle Fire!). You can use your project book for some of the bingo card activities, so it’s a win-win.</p>