



**Film and Literature Unit** | **2018 -**  
**Reading for Enrichment** | **2019**  
Mrs. Sugrue

This term, we will be studying film and literature during Reading for Enrichment. The goal of this activity is to help you learn how to analyze what you read and what you see, and you'll get to pick what you're reading. It doesn't matter if you want to read *Harry Potter* or *Jane Eyre*, YOU get to pick. There are a few guidelines, and you'll still be learning concepts in class, but instead of basing them on a book we read as a class, they will be applied to your book. You will be posting about your book on your blog, you will discuss your book in class, and we will be watching parts of some of your movies in class.

For this unit, please choose a book that is:

- **MADE INTO A MOVIE OR TV SHOW that you would be allowed to watch**
- At least 200 pages
- Appropriate for a middle school student (in content, reading level, etc.)
- Something you have not read before
- Not being read by another student in the class (first come, first served)
- Approved by the teacher and your parent(s) (see attached "permission form")

Before you begin:

- Spend some time researching books, talking to friends, reading reviews etc. You want to choose something that you are EXCITED to read.
- **Complete the attached form and submit it (no later than Wednesday 3/27/19)**

Assessment:

- Complete and return the attached form no later than **Wednesday 3/27/19** (10 points)
- Blog posts and other assignments to be completed in class
- Book/Movie comparison: you'll watch the movie adaptation of your book and complete a compare/contrast assignment for the book/movie. Further instructions will be given in class.

FYI:

- If you finish your book before we are done with the unit, you should find another book to read that meets the above criteria. You need to be reading throughout the whole unit. (You are only required to watch one movie.)
- You may stop your book in the middle and start a new one **if you get permission first.**

**BOOK SELECTION FORM**  
**Due Wednesday, 3/27/2019**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Pages: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Publication: \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose this book? What do you already know about it (from reading the back cover, reviews, or peer recommendations)? What are you hoping to learn or achieve by reading this book?

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**I have access to the above book and movie, and I understand that I am responsible for reading this book in its entirety and completing the corresponding assignments independently by the assigned due dates.**

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am excited to offer students the opportunity this semester to choose a novel (that has been made into a movie) that interests them, read it independently, watch the movie adaptation, apply concepts discussed in class, and complete thought-provoking assignments based on their reading of the book and viewing of the movie. Please note that, in order to make this work, students must obtain their own copies of the book (library or e-reader copies are fine) by Wednesday, 3/27/19. (I have some novels in my classroom for students to use as well.) Students will also have to obtain their own copies of the movie (the Orem and Provo Public Libraries are great resources). We will spend time in class watching clips of some movies based on the books that students are reading; all movie clips will be screened beforehand and deemed age-appropriate for middle school students. Since students are choosing their own books, it is possible that the book they choose and its corresponding movie adaptation may be mature for the middle school reader. By signing below, you are indicating that you know what your child is reading, which movie adaptation they'll be watching, and you support their decision. I look forward to reading with your student and exploring elements of film together!

Mrs. Sugrue

**I give my permission for my child to read the above listed book and watch the corresponding movie adaptation. I understand that film clips will be watched in class and that parents will be notified ahead of time via email and/or the class website. I give permission for my child to watch these clips.**

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_