**Sharon Draper Reading Projects**

**Option 1**

Choose 1 of the following 20 point options:

* Write a full-page letter from one character in your book to another character in your book. What does your character want to say to this character? Does he/she want to apologize for something? End a friendship? Declare his/her love? Tell someone off? Confess to something? (For example, Danny writes to Melba to tell her how he really felt about protecting her.) **This must be one full page, be written in true letter form, and be free of spelling and grammar errors.**
	+ **\*\*Honors Extension: In addition, write the response to this letter that the character who received it might have had.**
* Write a full page journal entry from a character in the story whose point of view you do not know. This character should tell something that happened in your book from his/her new perspective. (For example, Elizabeth Eckford writes her point of view about what happened the day she couldn’t get into the school and ended up sitting on the bench with the white couple.) **This must be one full page, be dated with the character’s name at the top of the page, and be free of spelling and grammar errors.**
	+ **\*\*Honors Extension: In addition, imagine that another character from the story read this journal entry. Generate an explanation in a paragraph on the back of the journal entry that details who that person was and how it might have impacted him or her. Be sure to explain your reasoning.**
* Write a screenplay for one entire scene of your book. **A screenplay includes scene descriptions, actors’ reactions to what is happening during the scene, dialogue and lighting suggestions.** (This screenplay would also include all the props that should be in the room, what actors would be wearing, what the lighting would be, and all of their dialogue.)
	+ **\*\*Honors Extension: In addition, explain the choices for any changes and/or additions your group made to the scene. If they made none, give two suggestions that could have been added or deleted from the scene with an explanation for each.**
* Write a poem or rap that hits on all the major plot points in your book. This is for all of you creative writers out there who love this type of challenge. (Using *Copper Sun* as our example, you would need to cover Amari’s abduction, voyage, purchase by the Derby’s, abuse of everyone by Clay, friendship with Polly, Teeney and Tidbit, advice from Cato, flight to the South, freedom in St. Augustine and expected baby). Whew! That’s a lot! **This is not a 10 line poem to avoid this project ☺.**
	+ **\*\*Honors Extension: In addition, illustrate the poem showing important elements of the “theme.”**

**Option 2**

Choose 1 of the following 10 point options:

* Design 2 post cards from two different settings in your book. Then, fill them out from one character to another. (For example, Katniss might send a postcard to Gale from the Capital. The design could be a cool dress someone like Effie might wear. It would say “Designs by Cinna”. The back of the postcard would have Gale’s address and say something like “Be happy you aren’t here—you might have to wear this!” **These should be colorful and free of spelling and grammar errors. You may use large index cards to complete this.**
* Design a new cover for your book. It must include a blurb on back that will encourage people to read this book. A blurb is a short summary of the story that doesn’t give away any important plot details. **The blurb should be about 50 words in length. Your cover must have the title of the book and the author’s name. There should not be spelling or grammar errors.**
* Provide an alternative ending to your book. **First, explain why your book needs a new ending and then tell me the new ending. You do not have to include dialogue or write it in novel form, but you do need to include details that show you put some thought into this.** (For example, I don’t like that Katniss ends up with Peeta at the end of Hunger Games. I think Gale is a better match for her. Therefore, I would write a detailed ending of how she breaks up with Peeta and then ends up with Gale.)
* Create a new character that would either be a best friend or enemy to the protagonist of your book. **Write a paragraph telling me about this person. Gender, age, hobbies, strengths and weaknesses. Then draw a picture of this person.** You may complete this on an 8 ½ x 11 piece of blank paper.
* Create an Instagram page for one of the characters in your book. (Get template from Mrs. McKinney) Posts on the wall should be from other characters in the book and reflect what you learned about them in the novel you read. Be creative!