



SOCIAL STUDIES 8

Historical Fiction Book Report Project

Your Task:

Throughout the semester you will be given **class time** to read at least 2 historical novels of your choice. You will be required to submit 2 book reports (once immediately following Spring Break, and once in June) based on the criteria listed below. The goal of this assignment is not only to give you practice “reading”. but to broaden your general knowledge of historical events.

Since many of you will be at different reading levels, your teacher (me!) and your school librarian will be there to assist you in choosing a book that you both enjoy and feel comfortable reading. If there is a book you are interested in reading that is not available in our school library, you must consult with your teacher first to see if it is appropriate for the assignment.

Book Report Criteria:

Title Page (5 marks)	Includes author’s name, title of the book, a picture that depicts a symbol, theme, or main scene from the book. This should be coloured. Alternatively you can design digitally.
Content (15 marks)	A multi-paragraphed composition of no more than 250-300 words. Your composition should answer the following questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What is this book all about? Provide a brief summary of the book.Discuss the historical time period in which the book is set. From your reading, <u>what do you think life was like for the people who lived during this particular time period?</u> (Consider societal beliefs / values, politics, and/or economics). YOU might have to do a little outside research and reflect on how the characters in the novel felt. A good book report will have evidence (<u>details</u>) from the book to support your points.3. What parts of this book did you like/dislike? Why?4. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why/why not? Again, for #3 and #4, specific details / references from the book are necessary to receive a high mark on this assignment--simply saying “it sucked” is not enough!

Value of Assessment: 40 marks (20 x 2)

Due Dates:

- Monday March 27th
- Monday June 12th