

The Newbery Author Research Project

This packet contains information describing the requirements for the Newbery Tea Author Project. **Part One** will explain the number of points possible for each requirement. **Part Two** will explain the expected format of the research paper. **Part Three** will explain material that you will be researching. **Part Four** will explain the power point presentation requirements.

Part One: Here is a schedule of due dates for each portion of the project, as well as the number of points possible for that date. Remember, everything counts. If you are experiencing difficulties meeting a due date, communicate with me before the item is due! I cannot help with a problem that is not communicated.

Notecards	15 points
Rough Outline	10 points
Final Outline	15 points
Rough Draft	10 points
Final Draft	70 points

Use a manila folder provided to turn each item. All items should be turned in with your final draft.

1. Final Copy
2. Final Outline
3. Rough Draft
4. Rough Outline
5. Notecards

Part Two: Format

The paper must have a title page that includes a picture of your Newbery author or the cover of the winning book. The title page should look like the sample below:

<p style="text-align: center;">Title of the Report</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Picture)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Your Name Date Grade 5</p>
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Do not underline the title. Do not put the title in quotation marks.

The length of your paper must be two pages, not including the Title page or Work Cited page. In addition, the following format is required:

- A. The report should be double spaced.
- B. Use Times New Roman 12 font
- C. Indent the beginning of all paragraphs.
- D. Do not return twice when starting a new paragraph.
- E. It must be typed on the computer.
- F. There should be one inch margins on all sides.

Your sources will be listed as Work Cited because you are using the internet sites and books for this project. Remember that you must have three sources: one book source, one internet source and a third source of your choosing.

Your Works Cited page should be formatted in the following manner:

- A. Works Cited is typed at the top and centered.
- B. Each source begins at the left margin.
- C. Arrange sources alphabetically.
- D. If the information on a source is long and a second line is needed, indent three spaces on the second line.
- E. Skip one line in between each source listed.

Part Three: Research

The information that you research for your paper will also be presented in a power point presentation. Ultimately, you will be researching different aspects of the author's life and writing. All research must be documented on index cards.

Each index card must have the Works Cited information, a topic and the facts that you find. Look at the sample below.

Works Cited Information
Topic (ex :childhood)
Facts: You must write your facts in your own words and in complete sentences!

You will need to research the following items:

- A. the author's childhood and background
- B. the authors inspirations for writing
- C. two other pieces of writing written by the author
- D. the authors style of writing
- E. five interesting facts about the author

Part Four: Power Point Presentation

The power point presentation will be presented to your peers and your parents. The presentation will display a collection of facts about the author and the book that you read. (50 points)

The power point presentation should follow this format:

- A. **Slide #1:** The title slide should contain the title of the book and the author's name. There also should be a picture of the author or a picture of the book cover.
- B. **Slide #2:** This slide should discuss the main characters of the story. You should describe the importance of each character to the book.
- C. **Slide #3:** This slide should describe two settings that are presented in the story and an important event that took place there. This slide should also discuss one theme and an example that illustrates the theme.
- D. **Slide #4:** This slide should describe the main problem and solution in the story. It should describe who is involved in the problem and solution also.
- E. **Slide #5:** This slide should contain five facts about the authors childhood or background.
- F. **Slide #6** This slide should describe where the author gets their inspiration to write. You should also describe the genre (type of writing) that the author mainly writes.
- G. The power point slides must be in same **font and format throughout each slide**. You must use the same transition throughout the entire power point. Do not include any sound effects!