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Reporter's Notebook! Book Report

Due Date: Monday, November 23, 2009



Choose a mystery book of at least 100 pages. Remember, a mystery story is a story containing clues, a character who is trying to figure out the clues, and a culprit (the character who committed the crime or caused the problem). Be sure to use the five-finger rule when selecting your book.

Fill out the six attached "Reporter's Notebook" booklet pages. Cut them apart and attach so they look like a flip style book. You may use yarn, string, pipe cleaners, or any other creative ideas! Don't forget to color each page! Monthly Book reports are graded. See grading guidelines on the reverse side of this handout and use the grading rubric to grade yourself in pencil by circling the box that you have earned.

Be sure to turn this handout in along with your project on the due date!

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Reporter's Notebook Rubric

| CATEGORY | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
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| Completeness | All six pages of the report are completed. | All but one of the pages of the book report are completed. | Several pages of the report are not completed. | Many pages of the report are not completed. |
| Complete Sentences | All responses are written using complete sentences (using words from the question itself in the response). | Most responses are written using complete sentences (using words from the question itself in the response). | Few responses are written using complete sentences (using words from the question itself in the response). | No responses are written using complete sentences (using words from the question itself in the response). |
| Booklet Format | The pages are cut apart and re-attached to look like a flip book. | | | The pages are not cut apart and re-attached to look like a flip book. |
| Colored | The booklet pages are attractively colored. | The booklet pages are colored. | The booklet pages are messily colored. | The booklet pages are not colored. |
| Spelling | The book report contains three or fewer spelling errors. | The book report contains no more than five spelling errors. | The book report contains no more than eight spelling errors. | The book report contains more than eight spelling errors. |
| Capitalization | The book report contains no capitalization errors. | The book report contains no more than two capitalization errors. | The book report contains no more than four capitalization errors. | The book report contains more than four capitalization errors. |
| Punctuation | The book report contains no punctuation errors. | The book report contains no more than two punctuation errors. | The book report contains no more than four punctuation errors. | The book report contains more than four punctuation errors. |
| Grammar | All of the sentences in the book report make sense and are grammatically correct. | Most of the sentences in the book report make sense and are grammatically correct. | Some of the sentences in the book report make sense and are grammatically correct. | Few of the sentences in the book report make sense and are grammatically correct. |
| Neatness/Effort | The book report clearly shows the student's best efforts and is very neatly done. | The book report shows the student's reasonable efforts and is fairly neatly done. | The book report shows the student's reasonable efforts and is somewhat neatly done. | The book report shows poor student effort and/or is sloppily done. |

1 bonus point for filling out the rubric. Total ____ / 36