

Attached are three separate book projects for students entering 8th grade. Complete the appropriate project that applies to the book chosen from the provided list.

*The Breadwinner**

The Breadwinner contains what is known as an ambiguous ending, or an ending which does not fully conclude the entire story. The students will write an alternative, or completed, ending for the novel in a four paragraph essay. The ending should be based on the events and information given in the book and must be a serious, reasonable ending.

Rubric

Category	Excellent - 4	Good - 3	Satisfactory - 2	Needs Work - 1
Follows Directions	Writes an alternative ending in four paragraphs.	Writes an alternative ending in three paragraphs.	Writes an alternative ending in two paragraphs.	Does not write and alternative ending or only writes one paragraph.
Grammar, usage, and spelling	1-3 consistent errors.	4-6 consistent errors.	7- 9 consistent errors.	10 or more consistent errors.
Relevance to the novel.	All speculations follow the details presented in the novel.	Most speculations follow the details presented in the novel.	Some speculations follow the details presented in the novel.	Speculations do not follow the details presented in the novel or the ending is not serious or plausible.

*Recommended Reading

The Outsiders

The students will choose one of the following topics and write their own news story describing the incidents using the information presented through the novel. The students need to pretend that they have witnessed this scene (using the descriptions in the book) and write from this fictional perspective. This project must be typed, in twelve-point Times New Roman font, and adhere to the project rubric. The students must choose one of the following events from the book:

- a) The murder of Bob
- b) The rescue of the children from the burning church
- c) The police murder of Dallas Winston

Rubric

Category	Excellent - 4	Good - 3	Satisfactory - 2	Needs Work - 1
Follows Directions	Writes about one of the following events in four paragraphs.	Writes about one of the following events in three paragraphs.	Writes about one of the following events in two paragraphs.	Does not write about one of the following events/only one paragraph.
Grammar, usage, and spelling	1-3 consistent errors.	4-6 consistent errors.	7- 9 consistent errors.	10 or more consistent errors.
Depth of news story event coverage and relevance to the novel.	Writes from a fictional news reporter perspective on the event picked from the novel. All reported events follow the details presented in the novel.	Mostly writes from a fictional news reporter perspective on the event picked from the novel. Most reported events follow the details presented in the novel.	Writes from a semi-fictional news reporter perspective on the event picked from the novel. Some reported events follow the details presented in the novel.	Does not write from a fictional news reporter perspective on the event picked from the novel. Reported events do not follow the details presented in the novel.

The Black Pearl

In “The Black Pearl,” Ramon makes a very daring decision. If you were Ramon, would you have made the same decision (to take the pearl)? Why or Why not? Answer this question in four paragraphs that adhere to the following rubric.

Rubric

Category	Excellent - 4	Good - 3	Satisfactory - 2	Needs Work - 1
Follows Directions	Writes a response to the given question in four paragraphs.	Writes a response to the given question in three paragraphs.	Writes a response to the given question in two paragraphs.	Does not write a response to the given question or only writes one paragraph.
Grammar, usage, and spelling	1-3 consistent errors.	4-6 consistent errors.	7- 9 consistent errors.	10 or more consistent errors.
Relevance to the novel.	Response follows the details presented in the novel.	Response mostly follows the details presented in the novel.	Response somewhat follows the details presented in the novel.	Response does not follow the details presented in the novel.