

The Susan B. Anthony Academy/I.S. 238

Summer Reading Packet 2015

A Word from Dr. LaCroix

Dear SBA Student:

Congratulations on finishing the school year! Like me, I know you are looking forward to a fun and eventful summer. Whether you'll be at the beach, a cookout, or on a road trip this summer, don't forget to pack a good book. Reading can be fun too! Reading regularly is so important to improving your reading, writing, and thinking skills. Plus, you need to keep up the progress you've made this year. Your teachers want to make sure that you're ready for the challenges ahead. This summer, we are challenging you to read 5 books. If you read every day for at least 30 minutes, you'll be eligible to win many great prizes such as:

- A pizza party,
- A trip to Dave and Buster's,
- An iTunes or Google Play gift card,
- Or a free homework pass for a week

You can read any type of book like; non-fiction, novels, comic books, and religious books. Just make sure it is grade appropriate. Simply keep a log and show it to your ELA teacher on the first day of school.

Be sure to:

- Choose books from the summer reading list (included in this packet) or read your own!
- Apply for a free public library card if you don't have one
- Read for **AT LEAST** 30 minutes every single day (even weekends!)
- Complete **5** reading logs (one for each book you read)
- Choose **1** summer reading project (project list is included in this packet) to submit to your ELA teacher no later than September 16, 2015

Happy reading!

Sincerely,
Dr. LaCroix
Assistant Principal



Once you
learn to read,
you will be
forever FREE

- Frederick Douglass

Summer Reading Challenge Rules and Conditions

You've seen the Summer Reading Challenge posters posted all over our school building.....here are the rules and conditions!

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN:

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YOU ABSOLUTELY MUST:

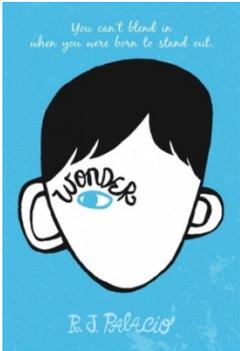
- Read **5** books this summer
- Complete **5** reading logs
- Complete **1** summer reading project
- Submit your **5** reading logs AND your summer reading project to your ELA teacher no later than September 16, 2015.



Good luck!

Suggested Summer Reading List

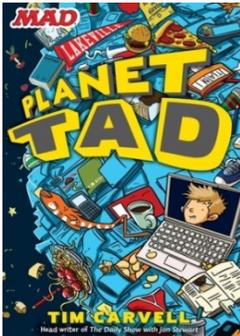
We hope that you enjoy the 2015-2016 edition of The Susan B. Anthony Academy/I.S. 238 suggested summer reading list. The books on this list come highly recommended by young readers. Our wish is that students and parents regard this list as a helpful guide for all readers. Research shows that students who read regularly score higher on vocabulary-related sections of standardized tests. More importantly, people who read regularly open themselves to an expansive world of ideas and information that enhances every day.



Wonder

By R.J. Palacio

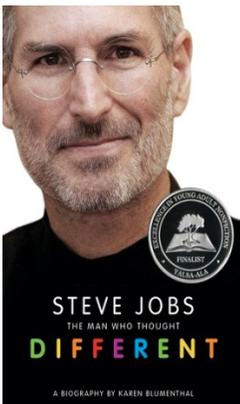
I won't describe what I look like. Whatever you're thinking, it's probably worse. August (Auggie) Pullman was born with a facial deformity that prevented him from going to a mainstream school—until now. He's about to start 5th grade at Beecher Prep, and if you've ever been the new kid then you know how hard that can be. The thing is Auggie's just an ordinary kid, with an extraordinary face. But can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, despite appearances?



Planet Tad

By Tim Carvell, Doug Holgate

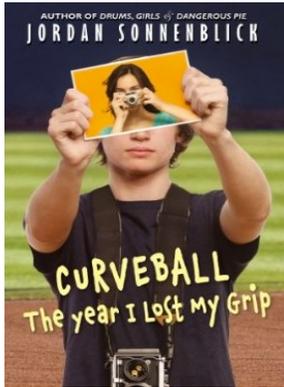
Tad has an agenda: Survive seventh grade. He also wants to: grow a mustache, get girls to notice him, and do a kickflip on his skateboard. . . . But those are not the main reasons he started a blog. Tad just has a lot of important thoughts he wants to share with the world, like: Here is the first thing I have learned about having a dog in your house: Don't feed them nachos. Not ever.



Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different

By Karen Blumenthal

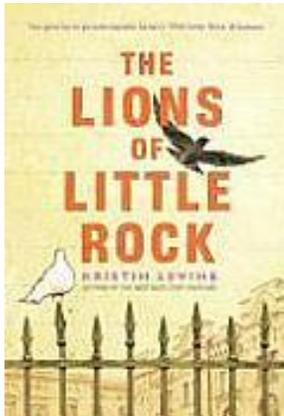
"Your time is limited. . . . have the courage to follow your heart and intuition."--Steve Jobs
From the start, his path was never predictable. Steve Jobs was given up for adoption at birth, dropped out of college after one semester, and at the age of twenty, created Apple in his parents' garage with his friend Steve Wozniack. Then came the core and hallmark of his genius--his exacting moderation for perfection, his counterculture life approach, and his level of taste and style that pushed all boundaries. A devoted husband, father, and Buddhist, he battled cancer for over a decade, became the ultimate CEO, and made the world want every product he touched.



Curveball: The Year I Lost My Grip

By Jordan Sonnenblick

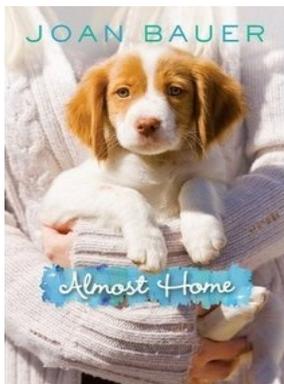
Sometimes, the greatest comebacks take place far away from the ball field. Meet Peter Friedman, high school freshman. Talented photographer. Former baseball star. When a freakish injury ends his pitching career, Peter has some major things to figure out. Is there life after sports? Why has his grandfather suddenly given him thousands of dollars worth of camera equipment? And is it his imagination, or is the super-hot star of the girls' swim team flirting with him, right in front of the amazing new girl in his photography class?



The Lions of Little Rock

By Kristin Levine

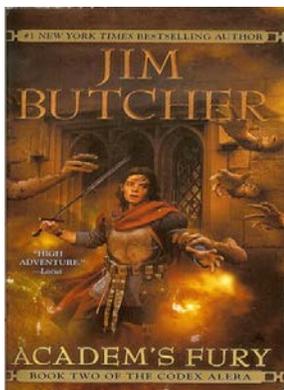
Two girls separated by race form an unbreakable bond during the tumultuous integration of Little Rock schools in 1958. Twelve-year-old Marlee doesn't have many friends until she meets Liz, the new girl at school. Liz is bold and brave, and always knows the right thing to say, especially to Sally, the resident mean girl. Liz even helps Marlee overcome her greatest fear - speaking, which Marlee never does outside her family. But then Liz is gone, replaced by the rumor that she was a Negro girl passing as white. But Marlee decides that doesn't matter. Liz is her best friend. And to stay friends, Marlee and Liz are willing to take on integration and the dangers their friendship could bring to both their families.



Almost Home

By Joan Bauer

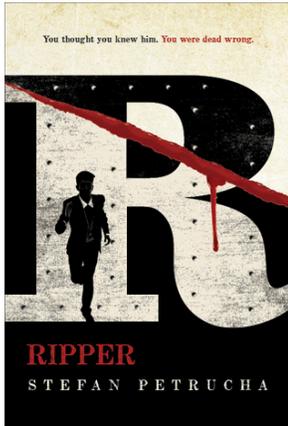
When twelve-year-old Sugar's grandfather dies and her gambling father takes off yet again, Sugar and her mother lose their home in Missouri. They head to Chicago for a fresh start, only to discover that fresh starts aren't so easy to come by for the homeless. Nevertheless, Sugar's mother has taught her to be grateful no matter what, so Sugar does her best. With the help of a rescue dog, Shush; a foster family; a supportive teacher; a love of poetry; and her own grace and good humor, Sugar comes to understand that while she can't control the hand life deals her, she can control how she responds.



Academ's Fury

by Jim Butcher

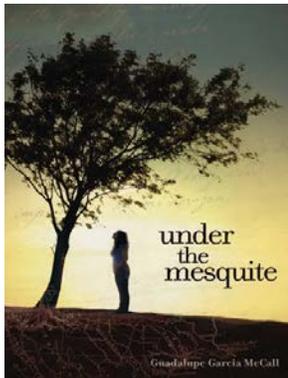
For one thousand years, the people of Alera have united against the aggressive and threatening races that inhabit the world, using their unique bond with the Furies—elementals of Earth, Air, Fire, Water, and Metal. But now, the unity of the Alerians hangs in precarious balance. The First Lord of Alera has fallen in his efforts to protect his people from the vicious attacks of their enemies. Now, the fate of the Alerians lies in the hands of Tavi, a young man who must use all of his courage and resourcefulness to save his people—and himself.



Ripper

by Stefan Petrucha

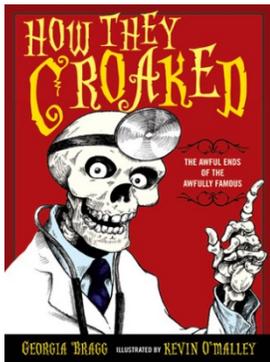
You thought you knew him. You were dead wrong. Carver Young dreams of becoming a detective, despite growing up in an orphanage with only crime novels to encourage him. But when he is adopted by Detective Hawking of the world famous Pinkerton Agency, Carver is given not only the chance to find his biological father, he finds himself smack in the middle of a real life investigation: tracking down a vicious serial killer who has thrown New York City into utter panic. When the case begins to unfold, however, it's worse than he could have ever imagined, and his loyalty to Mr. Hawking and the Pinkertons comes into question. As the body count rises and the investigation becomes dire, Carver must decide where his true loyalty lies.



Under the Mesquite

By Guadalupe Garcia McCall

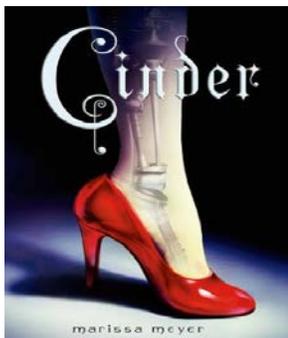
Lupita, a budding actor and poet in a close-knit Mexican American immigrant family, comes of age as she struggles with adult responsibilities during her mother's battle with cancer. When Lupita learns Mami has cancer, she is terrified by the possibility of losing her mother, the anchor of her close-knit family. Suddenly, being a high school student, starring in a play, and dealing with friends who don't always understand, become less important than doing whatever she can to save Mami's life.



How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous

by Georgia Bragg

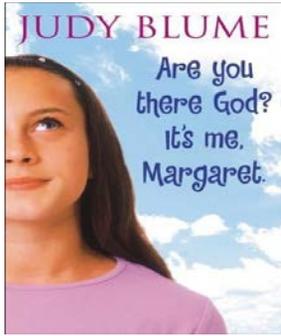
How They Croaked relays all the gory details of how nineteen world figures gave up the ghost. It is believed that Henry VIII's remains exploded within his coffin while lying in state. Doctors "treated" George Washington by draining almost 80 ounces of blood before he finally kicked the bucket. Right before Beethoven wrote his last notes, doctors drilled a hole in his stomach without any pain medication. Readers will be interested well past the final curtain, and feel lucky to live in a world with painkillers, X-rays, soap, and 911.



Cinder (The Lunar Chronicles #1)

by Marissa Meyer

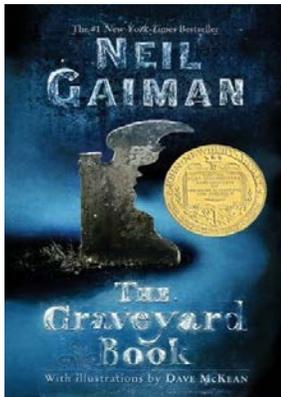
Humans and androids crowd the raucous streets of New Beijing. A deadly plague ravages the population. Cinder, a gifted mechanic, is a cyborg. She's a second-class citizen with a mysterious past, reviled by her stepmother and blamed for her stepsister's illness. But when her life becomes intertwined with the handsome Prince Kai's, she suddenly finds herself at the center of an intergalactic struggle, and a forbidden attraction.



Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret

by Judy Blume

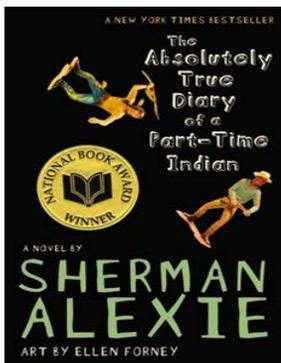
Margaret Simon, almost twelve, has just moved from New York City to the suburbs, and she's anxious to fit in with her new friends. When she's asked to join a secret club she jumps at the chance. But when the girls start talking about boys, bras, and getting their first periods, Margaret starts to wonder if she's normal. There are some things about growing up that are hard for her to talk about, even with her friends. Lucky for Margaret, she's got someone else to confide in... someone who always listens.



The Graveyard Book

by Neil Gaiman

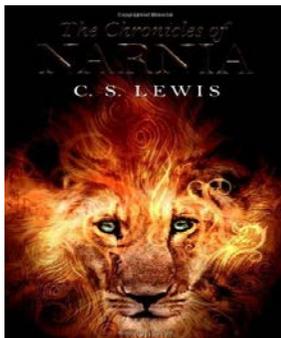
After the grisly murder of his entire family, a toddler wanders into a graveyard where the ghosts and other supernatural residents agree to raise him as one of their own. Nobody Owens, known to his friends as Bod, is a normal boy. He would be completely normal if he didn't live in a sprawling graveyard, being raised and educated by ghosts, with a solitary guardian who belongs to neither the world of the living nor of the dead. There are dangers and adventures in the graveyard for a boy. But if Bod leaves the graveyard, then he will come under attack from the man Jack—who has already killed Bod's family.



The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

by Sherman Alexie

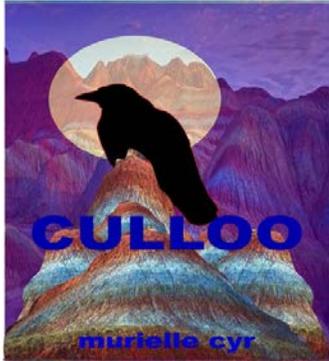
Bestselling author Sherman Alexie tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the rez to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.



The Chronicles of Narnia (The Chronicles of Narnia (Chronological Order) #1-7)

by C.S. Lewis

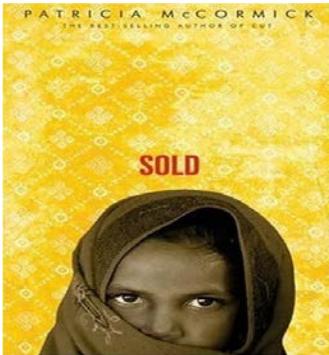
Journeys to the end of the world, fantastic creatures, and epic battles between good and evil—what more could any reader ask for in one book? The book that has it all is The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, written in 1949 by Clive Staples Lewis. But Lewis did not stop there. Six more books followed, and together they became known as The Chronicles of Narnia.



Culloo

by Murielle Cyr

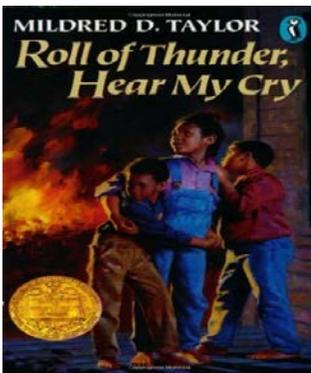
TALA can't wait to be thirteen; then no one better tell her what to do. Her nosey neighbor is always checking up on her, and now the Welfare Officer is knocking on her door again and her father isn't home to answer. Tala only has a few hours to find her missing father before she and her brother, DASON, get placed in a foster home.



Sold

by Patricia McCormick

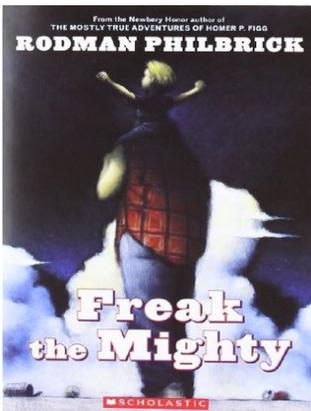
Lakshmi's stepfather says she must leave home and take a job to support her family. He introduces her to a glamorous stranger who tells her she will find her a job as a maid in the city. Glad to be able to help, Lakshmi journeys to India and arrives at "Happiness House" full of hope. But she soon learns the unthinkable truth: she has been sold into prostitution.



Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

by Mildred D. Taylor

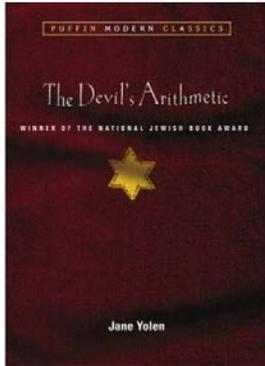
Why is the land so important to Cassie's family? It takes the events of one turbulent year—the year of the night riders and the burnings, the year a white girl humiliates Cassie in public simply because she's black—to show Cassie that having a place of their own is the Logan family's lifeblood. It is the land that gives the Logans their courage and pride—no matter how others may degrade them, the Logans possess something no one can take away.



Freak the Mighty

by Rodman Philbrick

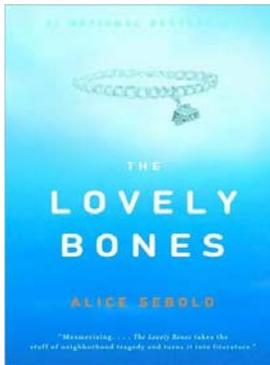
Two boys - a slow learner stuck in the body of a teenage giant and a tiny Einstein in leg braces - forge a unique friendship when they pair up to create one formidable human force. A wonderful story of triumph over imperfection, shame, and loss



The Devil's Arithmetic

by Jane Yolen

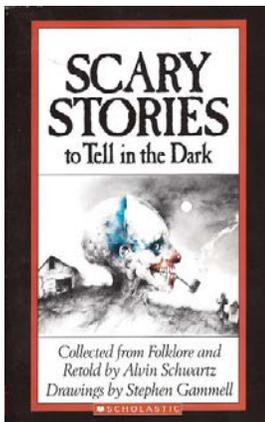
Hannah thinks tonight Passover Seder will be the same as always. But this year she will be mysteriously transported into the past. Only she knows the horrors that await.



The Lovely Bones

by Alice Sebold

The Lovely Bones is the story of a family devastated by a gruesome murder -- a murder recounted by the teenage victim. Upsetting, you say? Remarkably, first-time novelist Alice Sebold takes this difficult material and delivers a compelling and accomplished exploration of a fractured family's need for peace and closure.



Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark

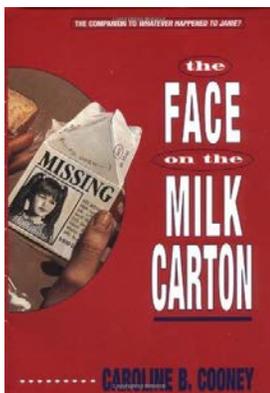
by Alvin Schwartz

Are you brave enough for Scary Stories?

Some boys and girls were at a party one night. There was a graveyard down the street, and they were talking about how scary it was.

"Don't ever stand on a grave after dark," one of the boys said. "The person inside will grab you."

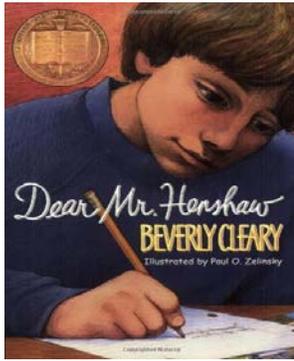
"A grave doesn't scare me," said one of the girls. "I'll do it right now. . . ."



The Face on the Milk Carton

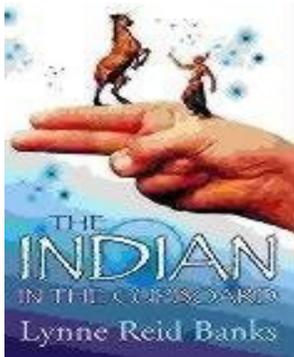
by Caroline B. Cooney

The face on the milk carton looks like an ordinary little girl: hair in tight pigtails, a dress with a narrow white collar, a three-year-old who was kidnapped more than twelve years ago from a shopping mall in New Jersey. As fifteen-year-old Janie Johnson stares at the milk carton, she feels overcome with shock. She knows that little girl is she. But how could it be true? Janie can't believe that her loving parents kidnapped her, until she begins to piece together clues that don't make sense.



Dear Mr. Henshaw
by Beverly Cleary

After his parents separate, Leigh Botts moves to a new town with his mother. Struggling to make friends and deal with his anger toward his absent father, Leigh loses himself in a class assignment in which he must write to his favorite author. When Mr. Henshaw responds, the two form an unexpected friendship that will change Leigh's life forever.



The Indian in the Cupboard
by Lynne Reid Banks

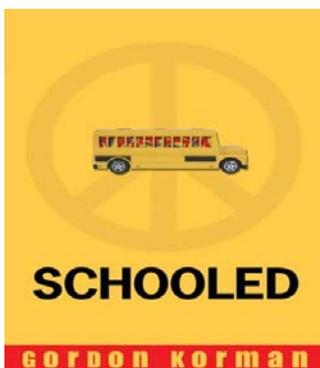
At first, Omri is unimpressed with the plastic Indian toy he is given for his birthday. But when he puts it in his old cupboard and turns the key, something extraordinary happens that will change Omri's life forever. For Little Bull, the Iroquois Indian brave, comes to life...

"BOLD EXPLOSION... I LOVE THE CROSSOVER EVERYONE WILL!" —KEO CHAN



The Crossover
by Kwame Alexander

"With a bolt of lightning on my kicks . . . The court is SIZZLING. My sweat is DRIZZLING. Stop all that quivering. Cuz tonight I'm delivering," announces dread-locked, 12-year old Josh Bell. He and his twin brother Jordan are awesome on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood, he's got mad beats, too, that tell his family's story in verse, in this fast and furious middle grade novel of family and brotherhood.



Schooled
by Gordon Korman

Homeschooled by his hippie grandmother, Capricorn (Cap) Anderson has never watched television, tasted a pizza, or even heard of a wedgie. But when his grandmother lands in the hospital, Cap is forced to move in with a school counselor and attend the local middle school. While Cap knows a lot about tie-dyeing and Zen Buddhism, no education could prepare him for the politics of public school.

Summer Reading Project List

Task: Choose 1 project to complete based on any book you read this summer. Ask a family member to help you! Then, submit the project to your ELA teacher no later than September 16, 2015 in order to be eligible to win one of the prizes.

1. Create a **book blog** telling how you really feel about your book. Check out blog.com for ideas.
2. Draw a **poster sized** map of the setting(s) of your book. On the map, put symbols (with a key/legend) where at least 6 events from the novel took place.
3. Make a short (3-5 min) **video clip of an advertisement** for a product or service based on your book.



4. **Rewrite the last chapter** of the book. Change it to the way that you believe it should have ended. Be sure to include dialogue and descriptive language.
5. Pretend that you are a news reporter and compile a list of 20 questions you would want to ask one

of the characters of your book. Then, write a 2-3 page **interview article**.

6. Create a **soundtrack** that represents the different moods in the book. Your soundtrack must include a minimum of 6 actual songs. For each song, write at least 1 paragraph describing how the song relates to the moods of the book.
7. Write a detailed **song or rap** that describes the characters, setting, conflict, problem, and resolution. Be sure that the song has at least 3 verses and a chorus or a hook.
8. **Create a board game** using places, characters, problems, and details from the book. Write detailed instructions on how to play your game as well as rules for it.

9. Create an **anthology (a book of poetry)** with at least 10 poems based on the book. Your anthology should have a title, table of contents, decorated cover, illustrations, and various examples of figurative language.
10. Write a **book review** communicating your thoughts and ideas about the book. Your book review must be 2-3 pages long. You may write it or **create a vlog** (video blog) reviewing the book (3-5 min). Check out bookpage.com for ideas.
11. Create a **brochure** about the setting of your book encouraging readers to visit.
12. Create a **comic book or graphic novel** representing events from your book.
13. Create **diary entries** (12 minimum) as if you were a character from your book.
14. Create a **play** adaptation of your book.