

**Royal Knights 8th Grade Language Arts
Required Summer Reading and Viewing 2014**



Stephen King stated, “Books and movies are like apples and oranges. They are both fruit, but taste completely different.” This summer our challenge to you is to savor both fruits and let us know the similarities and differences.

Your mission this summer is to read as many books as you can, focusing especially on books that have been made into movies- *The Book Thief*, *Divergent*, *The Fault in Our Stars* to name a few. And don't forget some older ones- *Harry Potter*, *The Twilight Saga*, and many Nicholas Sparks' books. Record the titles of the books on the Reading Log. Then compare and contrast the book and the movie. Did the movie depart from the book in any way? Consider the characters, and setting. Why do you think the screenplay writer made the decisions he/she did in portraying the movie? What elements in the book did you feel were important that were not depicted in the movie?

Here's what you do:

Create a presentation for viewing on Google Docs, Prezi, Power Point or other (compatible with version 2011 and Apple) -. The presentation should meet the following expectations:

Expectation 1: The plot- what are some of the conflicts, internal and external, for the characters in the story?

Expectation 2: Choose 4 quotes from the book that are important for the development of the story.

Expectation 3: What is the THEME of the book? What message is the author wants to convey to the reader/viewer?

Expectation 4: What changes from the book were made in the Screenplay, and what impact did that have on the setting, characters, and/or plot?

Expectation 5: Use a minimum of 8 pictures, but not from the movie that have already been made. Be creative! Pick visual images that you think you could use if you made your own movie. Surprise your viewers!

Expectation 6: Create a “you might also like” list like you see on Amazon or Barnes and Noble's websites of books and movies with the same theme. Please have a minimum of five selections.

Keep in mind that this assignment **has an audience**...your peers, friends, and adults.

This assignment is due the first week of school and will be assessed on the expectations listed above. Please **record all the books you read** during the summer, not just the one you read for this project.