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Up the Ladder: Fiction  
**Brown Bag Final Project**

Over the course of the past month you have worked on creating a powerful reading life and becoming a strong fiction reader. This final project will be a way for you to share one of the books you read by showcasing the skills you practiced and developed throughout the unit.

Make a list of the books you finished reading AND used to complete your reader's notebook during this unit. Rate them using the star system (5 Stars = Loved the book!, 1 Star = Wasn't my Favorite). Then, from the list choose one book to complete your final project and circle the title. I would recommend picking your favorite AND the book you did the most work with.

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Now that you have your book chosen it is time to learn about the components of your final project. You will decorate a brown paper bag teaching others about the book you read. The bag will include the following....

- ☐ Title, Author, Cover of Book or Illustration
- ☐ Summary of Book
- ☐ Analysis of Main Character
- ☐ Personal Connection to Character
- ☐ Review of Book
- ☐ Objects or Images to Represent Book

The following pages will walk you step by step to planning this project and including all the required elements. When it comes time to decorate and put your bag together you will have the choice to complete it by hand or you can use the digital template (if you prefer to type, print, and then glue). It is recommended to not write directly on the bag because you only get ONE bag and pencil is very hard to see on the bag.

## Front of Bag - Introduction to Book

The front of the bag will be where you introduce your book. You will need to include the title of your book and the author's name. Remember, titles and names should be capitalized. Next, you will need to include a picture of the cover of your book or an illustration that represents your book. Finally, at the bottom of the bag include your name and class hour.

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| <b>Title of Book</b>          |  |
| <b>Author's Name</b>          |  |
| <b>Cover or Illustration?</b> |  |

## Left Side of Bag - Book Review

The left side of the bag is where you will include a review of your book. The first step will be to rate your book. This could be a star system, trophies, numbers, or whatever you have in mind!

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| <b>Explain your Chosen Rating System</b> |  |
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Next, write a short book review explaining what made this book 'just right' and why you rated it the way that you did. Use your honest judgement while staying unbiased! You could share what you liked and disliked about the book, your favorite part, what kind of readers you would recommend this book to, etc. Your book review should be a minimum of five sentences.

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| <b>Book Review</b> |
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## Back of Bag - Summary

On the back of your bag you will write a comprehensive summary over your entire book. Be sure to include all key events, characters, setting, conflict (problem), and motive (reason for actions). Don't forget to start your summary by introducing your title and author! Your summary should be clearly written and easy to read, along with proper punctuation, capitalization, spelling, and grammar. Use the planning guide first before drafting your summary.

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| <b>Characters</b>                         |  |
| <b>Setting</b>                            |  |
| <b>Conflict/Motive</b>                    |  |
| <b>Key Events in Order<br/>(Timeline)</b> |  |

| Summary Draft |  |
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## Right Side of Bag - Character Analysis and Connection

The right side of the bag is where you will share your character analysis and personal connection. The first step will be to identify your main character and to think about how your character changed throughout the novel. To show this change you will choose one character trait to describe how they were at the beginning of the story and another trait to show how they were at the end of the story. Each trait will need to be supported with text evidence (quotes) from the book and explained in your own words.

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| <b>Character's Name</b>   |   |
| <b>Character Trait #1 - Beginning of Story</b>                                    | <b>Character Trait #2 - End of Story</b>  |
| <b>Text Evidence to Support Character Trait #1</b><br>(Quote(s) with page number) | <b>Text Evidence to Support Character Trait #2</b><br>(Quote(s) with page number) |
| <b>Explanation of Text Evidence to Support Trait</b>                              | <b>Explanation of Text Evidence to Support Trait</b>                              |

Next, in 2-3 sentences explain how your character changed throughout the book. Also include what caused them to change.

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Finally, to complete your character analysis write a short description of how you personally connected to your character and explain your thoughts. Remember, one of the goals of this unit was to get to know your character as a friend. This should be anywhere from 3-5 sentences.

**Inside of Bag - Visual Representation of Book**

The inside of the bag is where you will include images or objects that represent your book. These could be things that represent characters, conflicts, events, or settings found within your book. You can include actual objects, printed images, or hand drawn images. You will need to pick three items to put into your bag that are meaningful and relevant to the novel. Make sure that they are colorful, neat, and will grab your audience’s attention.

| Object or Image | Why is it important? What does it represent? |
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