

Novel Uses for Novels

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We love to read! We love to relax as we read...
to travel vicariously as we read....
to meet new people as we read....
to learn as we read...



We want to share the wonderful experience of reading with all of our students.

We have worked with classroom teachers in a wide variety of subject areas, developing assignments that incorporate novel reading in the curriculum.

We have also helped to develop the White Pine program that brings recreational reading to the forefront in high school libraries.

Our goal is to instill in our students a love a reading. In designing our units, and in implementing the White Pine program, our focus is always on reading for pleasure. Reading must be an enjoyable experience if we want students to come back to books again and again. We believe the pleasure of reading a novel should not be ruined by having to do an onerous assignment and so we design responses that are direct and simple and still relate to the curriculum objectives.

Our presentation will include the following bibliographies:



- Careers novels
- Discrimination novels
- Easy Read novels
- Family issues novels
- Geographic novels
- Graphic novels
- Historical fiction for CHC 2D
- Historical fiction for CHA 3U
- Survival novels

All bibliographies are available on our website - www.dunbartonhs.ca.
Select Library and then choose SuperConference 2004

Career Novel Assignment

Title of the novel: _____
 Author: _____ Number of pages: _____
 Career: _____
 Record 10 points you learned about the career by reading the novel. **(10 marks)**

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Provide an interesting quotation from the novel (please indicate page no.). Give an detailed explanation of why you found it interesting or important to the story. **(5 marks)**

Research basic facts about the career and complete the chart. **(5 marks)**

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| Education required | |
| Additional special training | |
| Salary expectation | |
| Job description | |
| Opportunities for advancement | |
| Etc....etc... | |

First, consider the facts recorded in the chart above. Next, consider how the career was discussed in your novel. Now, comment on how realistic the portrayal of the career was in your novel? Give two points to support your answer. **(2 marks)**

White Pine Reading Program

The purpose of the program is to encourage high school students to read for pleasure. The program is meant to be inclusive, inviting students of all grades, levels, and interests to participate.

Books selected must have a Canadian author, a recent publication date, and be available in paperback format.

The selection committee works to achieve a balance and variety of genre, reading level, gender of protagonist, and issue.



- Launch
- Promotional Materials
- Tracking
- Announcements
- Lunch Meetings
- Keeping the momentum
- Celebration

See also the OLA website for online resources and order forms.

If you have any questions or comments about this information, please contact us. We would also love to hear of any book titles that you think would be a good addition to our bibliographies.

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