**Second Semester English Independent Reading Project**

1. You will select one book for each quarter that you are interested in reading. The book should be 200 pages or longer, and be at an appropriate reading level (No *Captain Underpants*).
2. Over the quarter, you will bring this book to class each Friday and read it during the allotted time (20-25 minutes). Bringing and reading your book is 5 participation points per week. Unless you read very quickly, you will likely have to read a little outside of Fridays as well.
3. After you finish your book, you will select ONE of the following projects to complete. This project is due by the end of the quarter.

**3rd Quarter due date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4th Quarter Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Project Options (50 points each)**

**Photo Essay**

For each chapter in your book, take or find one photo that represents something that happened in that chapter. Caption each photo in 50-100 words and explain how it relates to that chapter in your book. Collect your photos in a Google Doc and **submit in Google Classroom.**

**Book Trailer**

Film a short 2-3 minute “Book Trailer.” This is like a movie trailer (preview), but instead, it is for a book. You can use PowTunes or film your own. Your trailer should show enough of the plot to get people interested, but not so much that you give away spoilers. You can watch professional book trailers in the library to get ideas. Upload your video to Youtube and copy the **link into Google Classroom.**

**Alternate Ending**

Write a 1-2 page, double spaced, alternate ending to your story. Try to mimic the author’s writing style. If they use a lot of dialogue, include a lot of dialogue in your ending. If they include a lot of description, you should also include a lot of description. **Upload document to Google Classroom.**

**Book Jacket**

Create a book jacket for your book. On the front, put a cover image, the author’s name, your name, the title of the book. On the inside flap, give some background about the author. On the back, give a preview of what the book is about. You can look at a real book jacket for an example. **If you do this digitally, turn in to Classroom. If you do this by hand, you may turn in a hard copy.**

**Graphic Novel**

Draw by hand, or use StoryBoardThat.com to summarize your novel in graphic novel format. You should have one “graphic board” per chapter. **You can either turn in a hard copy, or turn in a digital copy to Google Classroom.**

**One Pager**

Create a visual representation of your book on a piece of paper. Include some text and some pictures. Think of it like a flyer for your book – can your audience get the gist of what the book is about from looking at your page? Include things like theme, quotes, timelines, characters, etc. **Turn in hard copy.**