

The Literary Exploration

Summary: For this assignment you will select a book of your choice to read. The book can be from any genre (Fiction, Nonfiction, Drama, Sci-Fi, Biographical, Autobiographical, Graphic Novel, a collection of poems, you name it!) Your book choice need only meet the following criteria:

- *the book you choose must be reading level-appropriate
- *the book you choose must be one you've never read before
- *your book must be approved by the teacher on or before Monday, May 7

Once you've read your book, you will complete the following four components:

1. Translation: Select one page from the book to re-type (you'll be surprised by how much you can learn about an author's style by transcribing their work!)
2. Imitation: Write a one-page original piece that mimics the author's style, as well as a one-paragraph description of their style and the techniques you used.
3. Book Review: Create a poster, PowerPoint presentation, video-recording, or essay which showcases what the book is about. This should include a plot summary, character analysis, and your personal opinion of the book.
4. Presentation: Prepare a five-minute presentation which showcases your Translation, Imitation, and Book Review.

Purpose: To analyze and learn from the author's writing style.

Form: Translation, Imitation, Book Review, and Presentation

Audience: Ms. LaFay and your classmates

Focus Correction Areas:

1. Demonstrates comprehension and analysis of the book chosen (E6).
2. Demonstrates ability to imitate the author's style and objectively review the book (E3).
3. Exhibits oral communication skills through interactive listening and oral presentations (E4).

Due Dates:

Book selection – Monday, May 7
Translation – Monday, May 21
Imitation – Tuesday, May 29
Book Review – Monday, June 4

*Presentations will take place the week of June 4

Recommended Books:

Without a Map – Meredith Hall

The Glass Castle – Jeannette Walls

Lying – Lauren Slater

A Streetcar Named Desire – Tennessee Williams

A Child Called "It" -- Dave Pelzer

The Color of Water – James McBride

Pride and Prejudice – Jane Austen

The Things They Carried – Tim O'Brien

Little Women – Louisa May Alcott

The Hunger Games – Suzanne Collins

The Taming of the Shrew – William Shakespeare

City of Lost Souls – Cassandra Clare

Divergent – Veronica Roth