English 11/12 Summer Reading Assignment

Directions:

- <u>Step 1</u>: Read one age appropriate book
- <u>Step 2</u>: Complete at least one activity from the following options

Scene It! Pick a pivotal scene from the novel or essay to dramatize. Record the scene using digital technology. Props, musical instruments, prerecorded music. Costumes may be used. Performances may be no longer than five minutes.

Dear Diary! Pretend to be one of the main characters or the author from your novel/essay and write a diary entry from their point of view. Explain how the author or character is thinking or feeling about a pivotal event, major decision, etc. Reflect on what is happening as well as how the character or author is impacted.

Book Trailer! Prepare a video trailer for your chosen text. The trailer should be 3-5 minutes long, and a positive presentation of the subject. The trailer must contain original footage, or copyright free media.

Sneaky Snoop! As an investigative reporter, you sneak into the home of the main character or essay author. Report at least 10 items that you find and include a picture (hand-drawn or digital) for each item. Also, include a written explanation identifying how each item connects to the main character or author. These items may or may not have been mentioned in the text...feel free to use your imagination!

Author Inquiry! Write a letter to the author of your chosen text. Explain what you liked and disliked, ask any questions that you have about the story/characters or event, explain what you would have changed and mention at least one thing that you will always remember about this text and why. (Should be written in letter format!) <u>http://www.letterwritingguide.com</u>

Poetry Corner! Write a poem or song lyrics that connect to your selection. You can focus on the plot (what happened), characters, historical event, or personal connections that you have with this selection.

Artist Alley! Create a cartoon/story board (minimum of 8 panels) that is based on your text. It may focus on a pivotal series of events or summarize the entire text in chronological order.

Alternate Timeline! Create an alternate timeline...change a major event/decision in the text and explain how this change would have affected the characters, the plot, or history. Would this have been a better direction? Why/Why not?

This project will be turned in on the first day of school

