**Character Scrapbook Book Project**

**Genre: Self-selected YA Novel Due: Friday, December 14**

 ***5-Point Bonus* if Turned in By: Friday, December 11**

 This project will be a character study of the main character in your book and will take the form of a super-sized scrapbook page or several regular-size pages. You are to create the scrapbook page(s) as if it were put together ***by the main character*** in your book. This project will all be written in the first person, from your main character’s point of view.

**Requirements:**

**Include a minimum of 3 of the following:**

* **Scrapbook Page Design**
	+ Use poster board or construction paper that is large enough to easily display all the requirements ***or*** you may use actual scrapbook pages if you prefer.
	+ The scrapbook page should reflect the *main setting* of the story.
	+ It should also include the character’s name, the title of the book, the author’s name, and your name.
	+ Be creative about how you incorporate each of these elements. Colorful, unique fonts or other details that make the background stand out are a plus!
	+ Remember, you want to make your page appear as if the character has created it themselves, and it should look like a real scrapbook page (just supersized)!

* **Advice Column**
	+ Write a letter to a newspaper advice columnist from the main character’s point of view that explains the main problem the character faces in the novel.
	+ Write another letter from the columnist’s point of view that includes the solution to the problem as it happens in the story. Or, you can write a response about how you think the problem will be solved and offer advice/suggestions for the character.
	+ You can get creative when choosing the name your character uses when writing to the editor. They can use an anonymous name (Ex: From Troubled in Tennessee or Confused Teen) or his or her real name. Think of ways to make it look like a real advice column. (check your newspaper for ideas)
	+ Each letter should be 1-2 paragraphs each.
* **Pictures and Photographs**
	+ Include a minimum of 3 pictures or photographs on your scrapbook page. (Photos can be drawn, cut out of magazines, real pictures, or a print out from the Internet)
	+ Carefully glue the pictures throughout the scrapbook page and consider mounting (or placing them) on construction paper or adding borders to enhance the look of your project.
	+ You will also need to include a 1-2 sentence explanation that describes what is shown in each. (typed or neatly handwritten)
	+ The pictures should illustrate 3 of the following 5 options:
		- The main character in a scene from the book
		- The character’s family or friends
		- The main character’s major accomplishment
		- The setting of the story
		- A picture of your choice
			* **Souvenirs and Mementos**
	+ Draw, create, collect, or find at least 3 souvenirs that the main character would have put in a scrapbook.
	+ These objects should reflect events in the story or important aspects of your character.
	+ The souvenirs/mementos need to be attached to the scrapbook page carefully, so they don’t fall off. You can place them in a small plastic bag if this is an easier way for you to display them.
	+ Include a 1 sentence explanation (typed or handwritten) next to each object describing its significance.
* **Diary Entries**
	+ Write 2 diary entries from the main character’s point of view that reflects the character’s feelings about himself or herself. The diary entries should include how the main character changed from the beginning of the story to the end.
	+ Include information about what is going on in the beginning and the end of the book, which might influence the character. Be sure to include dates that reflect the “dates” the character wrote it.
	+ The diary entry should be typed or neatly written and needs to be 1-2 paragraphs. Attach the diary entry by stapling gluing, or taping in onto the scrapbook page.
* **Spelling, Grammar, Punctuation, Neatness**
	+ Make sure your spelling, grammar, and punctuation are correct and that the overall look of the scrapbook is creative and neatly constructed.
	+ Make sure you have re-read your sentences so they make sense and are written from your main character’s point of view.
* **Rationale**
* You will turn in your one-page written rationale explaining why you chose this project and how you are able to best give an overview of your novel.
* You must type your rationale using standard MLA format.