

Summer Book Blog Project

Students will be required to read and complete the Summer Book Blog Assignment for ONE of the following:

- The Miracle Worker: A Play by William Gibson
 - Amazon link: <http://a.co/2RWc7P3>
 - A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry
 - Amazon Link: <http://a.co/hwY3sDD>
 - Romeo and Juliet and West Side Story by Norris Houghton
 - Amazon Link: <http://a.co/72DdDWR>
 - Inherit the Wind by Jerome Lawrence et al.
 - Amazon Link: <http://a.co/8JqIwck>
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For your summer book, you will be creating a blog and posting about your book, as well as commenting on other student's posts. All posts and comments must be school appropriate and positive.

Follow the directions below to create the blog:

1. Go to kidblog.org/midwest-high-school-summer-book-blogs
2. If you already have an account set up, log-in. If you don't have an account set up, set up an account.
2. Click "join" under the blog title and use the join code **kms77g4** to join our class blog
3. Set your password as your google account password (example: MWAbk000^)
4. Add your google email to your account (It says optional, but I would like you to link them in case you forget your password.)
5. Once you have created your account, you will be able to go to the link above and simply click login each time you want to access the blogs.

Each student will complete 5 blogs and at least 10 positive comments in response to other student's posts. Each blog has a specific description on the following page and a place in the attached rubric.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up for the summer book club to work on your blogs at school, please feel free to contact me at bknapp@mymwa.org.

You will complete the following 5 blogs and 10 blog comments:

1. Blog Title: Author Biography

Write a blog post about the author of your book. Be sure to include the book title, author's name, and biographical information on the post. Post should include in-depth details and be at least a 5-7 sentence paragraph.

2. Blog Title: Book Setting

Research and write a blog post about the time period and location in which the book is set or written. Analyze how the time period and location might affect the author's subject and perspective in the book. Post should include in-depth details and be at least a 5-7 sentence paragraph.

3. Blog Title: Main Character(s) description(s)

Describe in detail the main character (or 2-3 main characters) in the book. Be sure to include name, age, role, and character traits. Post should include in-depth details and be at least a 5-7 sentence paragraph.

4. Blog Title: Main Conflict (problem) description

Describe in detail the main conflict or problem that the main character faces. Be sure to include the cause of the problem and how the character is facing the problem at this point in the book. Post should include in-depth details and be at least a 5-7 sentence paragraph.

5. Blog Title: Resolution and Book Review

Describe how the conflict is resolved and where the main character ends up at the end of the story. Also, include your final opinion on the book and a suggestion for other readers. Post should include in-depth details and be at least a 5-7 sentence paragraph.

6. Blog Comments

Choose a total of 10 other student blog entries to read and reply to. Your comments must be positive, encouraging, and clearly connected to the blog post you are commenting on. (Examples: Ask the other student questions, comment on things they talked about that were interesting, make a connection to your own book.) Comments should be detailed and at least 3-5 sentences.

Student Blog Project Rubric

Standard	4	3	2	1	0
<p>Blog 1: Author Biography 2.7 Develop the researching skills to gather adequate and accurate information from a variety of sources.</p>	<p>Post includes required information and is longer than required length. There are no grammar errors. Post is very well written and includes a high level of depth.</p>	<p>Post includes required information and is required length. There are no grammar errors. Post is well written.</p>	<p>Either some required information is missing or the post is too short.</p>	<p>Some required information is missing and the post is too short.</p>	<p>Significant information is missing or the post is extremely short.</p>
<p>Blog 2: Time period/location 1.9 Determine an author's perspective or purpose and use of rhetoric.</p>	<p>Post includes required information and is longer than required length. There are no grammar errors. Post is very well written and includes a high level of depth & analysis.</p>	<p>Post includes required information and is required length. There are no grammar errors. Post is well written.</p>	<p>Either some required information is missing or the post is too short.</p>	<p>Some required information is missing and the post is too short.</p>	<p>Significant information is missing or the post is extremely short.</p>
<p>Blog 3: Main Character Description 1.6 Analyze complex characters and how they develop based on direct description, self-description, other character's description, and character interaction.</p>	<p>Post includes required information and is longer than required length. There are no grammar errors. Post is very well written and includes a high level of depth.</p>	<p>Post includes required information and is required length. There are no grammar errors. Post is well written.</p>	<p>Either some required information is missing or the post is too short.</p>	<p>Some required information is missing and the post is too short.</p>	<p>Significant information is missing or the post is extremely short.</p>

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Blog 4: Main Conflict 1.2 Identify development of plot elements and structure in literature.	Post includes required information and is longer than required length. There are no grammar errors. Post is very well written and includes a high level of depth.	Post includes required information and is required length. There are no grammar errors. Post is well written.	Either some required information is missing or the post is too short.	Some required information is missing and the post is too short.	Significant information is missing or the post is extremely short.
Blog 5: Resolution and Book Review 1.1 Read, comprehend, and reflect on a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction literature.	Post includes required information and is longer than required length. There are no grammar errors. Post is very well written and includes a high level of depth.	Post includes required information and is required length. There are no grammar errors. Post is well written.	Either some required information is missing or the post is too short.	Some required information is missing and the post is too short.	Significant information is missing or the post is extremely short.
Blog Comments 3.2 Make judgments, form opinions, and communicate ideas respectfully during discussion, while supporting them with convincing evidence.	The 10 blog comments are positive, highly logical, and connected to the post content. Comments reflect a high degree of analysis and thought. Specific facts from the original post are referenced in the comment.	The 10 blog comments are positive and connected to the post content. Comments reflect a degree of analysis and thought. Specific facts from the original post are referenced in the comment.	7-9 of the blog comments are positive and connected to the post content. Comments reflect a degree of analysis and thought. Specific facts from the original post are referenced in the comment.	4-6 of the blog comments are positive and connected to the post content. Comments reflect a degree of analysis and thought. Specific facts from the original post are referenced in the comment.	0-3 of the blog comments are positive and connected to the post content. Comments reflect a degree of analysis and thought. Specific facts from the original post are referenced in the comment.