

# October Book Project

Due Date: November 17<sup>th</sup>

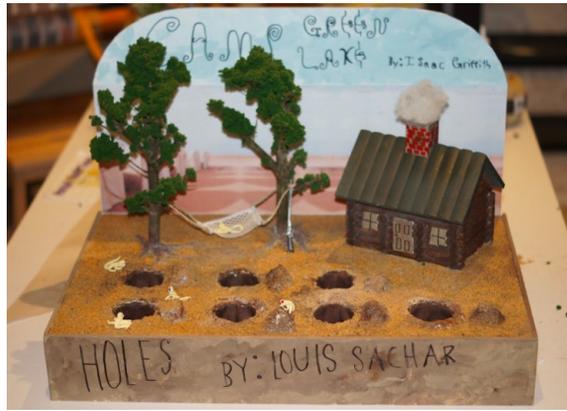
This is your first **mandatory** homework assignment that involves reading a book of your choice, and completing tasks showing your knowledge of the story elements. You will be choosing a book of your choice in the **Realistic Fiction** genre.

## What is Realistic Fiction?

- The events, people, and places may be real, but the story is not real.
- It could happen in real life.

## Directions:

1. Choose, and read, a Realistic Fiction book. Choose a book that is of interest to you, one you have not read before, and one that is NOT a graphic novel.
2. Complete the book jacket for your book, to contain the following items on it (refer to the example to help you):
  - Characters Section: Who are the main characters? What are two character traits for each main character and what is the evidence? Remember, evidence is what the text says to lead us to the character trait.
  - What is the major type of conflict (Person vs. Nature, Person vs. Society, Person vs. Person, or Person vs. Self)? How do you know? What is the evidence from the text?
  - Design a new cover for your book. Your cover should represent something from the book, be neat, and colorful.
  - Create a diorama of the setting of your book. A diorama is a miniature scene that is three dimensional. A shoe box or small box is plenty big for your diorama. See examples below.



## Suggested Timeline

Due to the extent of this project and the amount of time it requires, we have provided a suggested timeline. This is to help your child manage their time, complete the project, and avoid last minute tears. This is only a suggested timeline, so feel free to do what works best for your family.

**October 20:** Share project with parents. Brainstorm possible books. Is there something you have at home and have been wanting to read? An author you would like to try out? Something in the classroom library?

**October 23-24:** Decide on your Realistic Fiction book. Be prepared to discuss your decision with your teacher on Thursday, 10/26.

**October 23-November 4 (approximately).** Read your book. As you're reading, keep a list of characters, character traits, and evidence, as well as the various types of conflict present in the story. Be thinking about how you would like to design your diorama. Do you need any supplies from school? If so, make a list for your teacher.

**November 5-16:** Complete your book jacket and diorama. Reread the directions and rubric to ensure you have completed all parts of the project.

**November 17:** Bring your project to school. Compliment yourself on a job well done!!