

Rising English I students:

- Prior to the beginning of the 2021/2022 school year, students are to read A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck
- There will be a **quiz** on this novel on the first day of the school year. If you have trouble remembering what you read, you should probably wait and read it toward the end of summer break. Also, do not watch any movie version of your book—it may confuse you on the quiz.
- Also on the first day of school, you must turn in a **project** for another **quiz** grade. This should be *hand-written* on college-ruled notebook paper.

Project:

A. **Written assignment**

1. Write a **title page** with:

- The title of your assigned book
- The author of the book
- The setting (where and when the story takes place)
- Your name
- The date you turn this in

2. Write a complete **list of characters**:

- List each character *as it appears in the book* (it can be a person, animal, or thing that moves and has an impact on the story.)
- Write something you learn about this character.

B. Travel Poster. The hero of our book this summer is Mary Alice, a Chicago teenager who spends a year with her grandmother in a small town in Illinois. Do you know much about Illinois? Neither do I, except for my daughter Emmy lives in Chicago, and it's a fun place to visit! Research a state in the United States to find places of interest you would like to visit. Since our story is set in Illinois, you may research Illinois, **OR** you may research any state that begins with the first letter of your name (first or last name, either one is fine.) Make a poster that illustrates your research. Use a standard 22" by 28" piece of poster board. Include LOTS of illustrations—either your original art or cutouts from magazines or printouts from the internet.

Please include on your poster the following illustrations and information about the state you have chosen:

- An outline or map
- Information about the geography
- An interesting or unique historical fact
- Information about an interesting person from this state
- Information about three cool places you'd like to visit

The poster grade will be based on creativity, originality, and effort. Have fun with this!!

Rising English II students:

- Prior to the beginning of the 2021/2022 school year, students are to read The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster.
- There will be a **quiz** on this novel on the first day of the school year. If you have trouble remembering what you read, you should probably wait and read it toward the end of summer break. Also, do not watch any movie version of your book—it may confuse you on the quiz.
- Also on the first day of school, you must turn in a **project** for another **quiz** grade. This should be *hand-written* on college-ruled notebook paper.

Project:

A. **Written assignment**

1. Write a **title page** with:

- The title of your assigned book
- The author of the book
- The setting (where and when the story takes place)
- Your name
- The date you turn this in

2. Write a complete **list of characters**:

- List each character *as it appears in the book* (it can be a person, animal, or thing that moves and has an impact on the story.)
- Write something you learn about this character.

B. **Board Game.** You are to create a board game based on the novel The Phantom Tollbooth. This should be a game we could actually play! The more details from the novel you use in your game, the better!

Please include in your game the following:

- A name for the game
- A playing board measuring at least 22" x 28" (This is standard poster board size.)
- Playing pieces (tokens, cash, flashcards, etc.) These should fit the novel.
- An explanation of the objective of the game
- A list of rules

The board game grade will be based on creativity, originality, and effort. Have fun with this!!