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Design a Board Game

Students design a board game based on the book's setting, plot, and characters. The game should include challenges or questions that test players' knowledge of the story.

Make a Character's Social Media Profile

Students create a mock Instagram or Facebook profile for a main character, complete with posts, comments, hashtags, and photos that reflect events from the book.

Host a "Talk Show" Interview

Students act as talk show hosts and interview a character from the book. They can perform it live, record a podcast, or film the interview.

Find Me

Make a CV for at least five characters from the book. Then print the name of each character on a piece of paper and the CVs. The students walk around the room asking questions or describing what's on their CV card (without showing it) to find their matching pair. This encourages verbal communication and social interaction.



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Message Board

Students create a physical or digital message board where characters from the book 'post' updates and reply to each other as if discussing the story in real time. If it is a digital message board, students can use padlet, Canva or Google Slides.

Matchbox Story

Students summarize the book using a series of mini-scenes inside a matchbox. Students take a strip of paper the width of the matchbox and fold the strip the length of the matchbox. On each fold they draw a tiny drawing with a sentence that goes with the drawing. The folds are arranged in sequence to retell the story visually.

A Timeline

Students create a visual timeline that highlights key events from the book, showing how the plot unfolds. This can be done physically or using digital tools like Canva or Padlet, or even with a creative display like a clothesline with hanging cards.

Wanted Poster

Students create a 'Wanted Poster' for a character from the book, treating them like an outlaw or missing person. The poster should include the character's name, a sketch or printed image, key traits, 'crimes', last known location, and a reward. For a fun twist, students can design it in an old-west style.



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Newspaper Article

Students write a book review as if they are journalists for a local newspaper, summarizing the plot without spoilers and giving their opinion on the book's strengths and weaknesses. The review should include a catchy headline, an engaging opening, a brief plot summary, analysis of themes or characters, and a final recommendation.

Sing a Song

Students write and perform a song summarizing the book's plot, themes, or character journey. They can use a well-known melody and change the lyrics or compose an original tune. The song should capture key events and emotions making the story come alive through music. For an extra creative twist, they can record a performance or create a music video.

Benefits:

- Boosts Engagement – Interactive projects make reading more enjoyable and motivate students to dive deeper into the book.
- Encourages Critical Thinking – Activities like message boards push students to analyze characters, themes, and plot development.
- Develops Creativity – Projects such as songs, board games, or matchbox stories allow students to express their understanding in unique ways.
- Enhances Communication Skills – Writing reviews, performing interviews, or designing posters helps students improve their written and verbal communication.
- Supports Different Learning Styles – Visual, auditory, and kinesthetic learners all benefit from a variety of formats, making comprehension more accessible.

