

Choose ONE of the following:

Each project must be neat and organized. Effort must be visible. The grade is based on creativity, neatness, accuracy, and effort. Writing must be typed. Choose a project that appeals to your own personal talents and interests. (There is a big difference between something you jot down in a few minutes and something you put time into.) All projects will be presented to the class.

- ✓ Poem—write one long poem (at least 30 lines) or at least three short poems (totaling at least 30 lines) in the form of your choosing about the story, a theme from the story, or one or more of the characters. The poem can be from your own perspective or it can be from the perspective of one of the characters—for example, Lennie is writing the poem about George. (I don't want elementary school rhyming "roses are red/violets are blue/Lennie is sweet/and George is, too." —I want thought and insight.)
- ✓ Create a mobile or collage (at least 11 x 14) that captures one important aspect of the story—it can be about one character or one theme, etc. (When making a collage, the poster board should be filled) Write an explanation for each item you chose to include on a separate, typed paper. The writing should be in complete sentences and complete paragraphs. Explain: why did you include it, what does it represent?
- ✓ Make a tape or CD of at least 7 songs that represent the themes/characters/events in the story. Make a cover for the cassette or CD and liner notes to briefly explain why you chose each song. Make sure the notes are in complete sentences.
- ✓ Make a movie poster, on full-size poster board, that you feel accurately portrays the movie. Along with the poster, write a minimum of a one page book review. The guidelines for the book review are as follows:
 - Tell whether you liked or disliked the book and why.
 - Describe, summarize and outline the main ideas and characters. Make sure that what you are writing supports your judgment of the book.
 - DO NOT give away the ending of the book. If people know the ending, why would they want to read it? The main purpose of a book review is to get someone to read or not read the book based on your review.
- ✓ Write an obituary and a eulogy for one of the characters that died in the book. An obituary is an article in the paper that announces a person's death, including brief details about their lives, family, and the services that will be provided for that person. If you need an example of an obituary, let me know. A eulogy is a speech given at a funeral that talks favorably about a person's life, i.e., good characteristics, accomplishments, friends, etc. This portion of the project should be at least one page. Along with that, include an illustration of the character that you feel is an accurate portrayal of the character. The obituary, eulogy and picture should all be nicely displayed on a full-size piece of poster board.