

Literature Project Guide

*Your VNS Literature Project should be a comprehensive plan for the entire year that you will follow during Literature time. Regardless of what you pick, it is important for you to document your daily progress. Logged hours MUST be accompanied by reflective excerpts for each entry in order to be counted towards credit. At least **one literature product** must be submitted. The product could pertain to a single book or several books read throughout the year. Literature Projects must be approved by an advisor by October 1.*

Possible Literature Project ideas that could add cohesion to what you read:

Raise Your Reading Level - Use resources such as MAP scores, lexile.com, etc. to track your reading level growth. Create a product that exhibits vocabulary acquisition and text comprehension.

Form a Literature Circle - Read the same book(s) with a group of people. Get together on a regular basis (once per week) to discuss or do activities with the book.

Creative Book Analysis Format - Create your own process for summarizing books you read that allows you to develop reading analysis or vocabulary skills. This could include vocabulary development/exercises, graphic organizers, plot analyses, character analyses, etc.

Annotated Bibliography - Create a list of books you read and supporting secondary sources (literary criticism, book reviews) and analyze the validity and reliability of the sources.

Media Survey - Become informed on current events and reflect on them. Use advisor approved magazines and/or newspapers to stay updated on world issues.

Current Events Group - Read a variety of current events periodicals; meet and discuss once per week.

Literary Exchange Feasts - Students read different books, make a product describing the book, show products at a group feeding (pizza theme, breakfast, ice cream. . .).

Read Plays/Dramas Aloud - Act it out, memorize, or perform (scenes or whole play).

Poetry Group - Read or write poetry; create anthologies.

Genre Studies - Choose three genres to concentrate on for the year. Divide the year into three parts and focus on one genre each period.

Books on Tape - Listen and read along.

Read from a Predetermined List - Several lists exist of top librarian picks, college prep, classics, etc. See librarian. Pick a list of books with the same theme/subject.

Author Study - Read multiple books from the same author. Read reviews of the author and their work. Interview them?

Book Review Committee - Student group reads VNS library books and work together to make a binder of reviews available to all future students. Group members will also make book presentations to advisories and suggest books for purchase to add to the VNS library.

Battle of the Books - Teams of middle/high school students read from predetermined book list and compete online the last week of February.

Novel Project - Complete the Novel Project for the novel of your choosing. The Novel Project guides you through a deeper consideration of the major elements of a novel and a greater understanding and appreciation of the art of language. The Novel Project contains interactive exercises that allow you to read more closely and model some of your favorite passages from the book. See the librarian for a copy of the project guidelines.

Free Reading - Students are allowed up to two credits over the course of their VNS career. Free reading allow students to transcend the limits of genre and theme. Thorough logging is required.