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## **CHILDREN'S BOOK – PROJECT GUIDELINES**

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### *Book Groups*

To demonstrate your understanding of the overarching theme of your book group text, you will work with your book group to create a children's book. The theme of your created book will focus on the main message of your book group text. The creation of this children's book will assess your group's understanding of the main theme and your group's application of that theme to the characters, plot, and conflict of your book.

### **BASIC STEPS:**

Below are the basic steps you will follow to plan and complete your children's book. As you complete these steps, apply the appropriate strategies for children's books discussed in "Tips for Writing Children's Picture Storybooks" and our notes taken in class.

1. First, select the central theme from your book group text that you will use in your book. This selected theme should be the central idea of your created story. The theme should be revealed through your plot clearly and easily identified throughout your story.
2. Next, identify your main character. Is this character a human, a creature, or an object? What dominant traits will this character have? As you identify these traits, consider the traits of the main characters of your book group text and how you can utilize those in your creation.
3. Then, identify the main conflict that your character will encounter. What type of conflict that will that be? (Think: Man vs. Man, Man vs. Self, Man vs. World, Man vs. Technology, and Man vs. Nature). How will this conflict be introduced? How will your main character work to resolve this conflict? Remember, this conflict should drive your plot and should reveal your overall theme.
4. After, identify the major plot points that will drive your story. The plot should be simple and be driven by the conflict of your main character. Just as we discussed in your writing children's books notes, you should utilize simple sentences that directly convey your story line and how your main character works to resolve the main conflict.
5. Then, identify the setting. Where do you want your story to take place? How will the setting affect the main character, conflict, and overall plot? Your setting does not have to align with your book group text. Be creative!!!
6. Finally, create the illustrations that will accompany your text. Just as we discussed in your writing children's books notes, your illustrations should serve as a partner to your text and should aid in the development of your characters and your plot.

### **BOOK CREATION:**

The creation of this book will be done utilizing the website **STORYJUMPER.COM**. This website will allow your group to collaborate at both school and home to fulfill all of the necessary requirements. There is a "How to Create a StoryJumper Book" video we will view that will aid in your group's use of the website.

**PROJECT DUE MONDAY, 7 MAY 2018!!**