

ReadBox Project

-Prezi Presentation-



Select a young adult novel of your choice. The book must be at your reading level. After you have received your teacher's approval, you may start reading. After reading your book, you are going to create an interactive Prezi Presentation as an alternative to a written book report. You will be using www.prezi.com. Your goal is to create a sort of interactive advertisement that will persuade others to read your book. It is a great way to get readers engaged with the material you are reading in a modern and creative way. First you choose and read a novel of your choice. This assignment allows you to produce something for an audience, not just for the teacher as a class assignment, never to be revisited. Let's utilise technology to inspire reading, and learning beyond the walls of the classroom !

While working on this assignment, you will learn to:

- improve your English reading and writing skills
- promote critical thinking
- work cooperatively (if you decided to read the same book)
- research and analyse (background) information
- learn to organise information in a clear and logical way
- demonstrate a thorough understanding of content
- effectively use images/ videos and links to enhance newly-learnt content
- work with visual imagery/graphics/ captions
- lay out and produce a Prezi Presentation
- use ICT equipment/ apps/ your iPad.



► STAGE 1: Preparation

There are a few steps you need to take before you can actually start creating your Prezi Presentation.

Step one: The reading process: Choose the right book; one you love.

See the Introduction Third trimester booklet if you need help in choosing the right book.

Decide on a book that you would like to read and recommend to your classmates.

Check it with your teacher and fill in the book form (**Book Form - Appendix VIII**)

Don't forget to fill in the Reading Log. (**Reading Log - Appendix III**)

Step two: Read the book, gather information

Your goal is to convince others: This is the book to read ! In order to do so you have to read the book first. When reading with an assignment in mind, the reading is not a passive, but an active exercise. And to engage with your reading and to learn from it, it is best to take notes in your own words as you read. In this way you will actively learn. At the end of each chapter write a new bullet points that summarise what you have read. Try to make it personal if you can. Does it relate to your own life ? Write down anything that strikes you as interesting. Also write down any questions you might have. Later on you will go through these summaries as you will decide what to include in your review and what not. So take notes on your iPad while reading. Keep your notes well-organised, so you can easily find them later on in the process. You could use colours to highlight important keywords in your notes. This also makes it easier to use your notes when you are creating your very own Prezi. Use your Notes form (**Notes - Appendix VI**). When you come across unfamiliar vocabulary, add them to the Vocabulary Notebook and build new vocabulary while reading.

(Vocabulary Notebook - Appendix V)

Now start to analyse the book: Try to determine what kind of book it is (for example: action, romance, comedy, science fiction, fantasy, adventure, mystery, detective, thriller, horror etc.). You could also try to link the title to the theme of the book. What is so good about this book ? Why have you chosen this book ? How does this book make you feel ? What makes this book so interesting for you as a reader ? Would you recommend this book? Why (not) ? Use words and images that describe the story and parts you want to tell. Also do some background information on your book: Find out more information on the book. Gather and add further resources (links, websites, films, etc.) about the setting, characters, topic, author etc. This information will help you to understand the book. Brainstorm, connect and contextualise ideas you have; they will help you to develop your understanding on your chosen book. A good mind map will save you a lot of work later on, when making the actual Prezi Presentation. So first of all you will have to read and know your book inside out.

Tip: You could use the **Mindmeister** App or **Mindjet Maps** for iPad.

Send your mind map to your teacher before moving on to the next step !

► Stage 2: The actual product: Creating an interactive Prezi Presentation

Prezi is an online presentation programme that moves through a nonlinear presentation on a path. When creating an interactive Prezi Presentation, you use technology to bring life to your Prezi by adding text, attachments, drawings, photos, videos, music. By doing so you will be making the Prezi interactive and thus far more attractive. Wow your audience and show off your comprehension of the book !

Prezi is a more enhanced and creative way of sharing knowledge. Rather than a PowerPoint/ Keynote or podcast with a voice-over, the Prezi allows you to experiment with various multi-media tools. It keeps the information flowing in a sequential order. It also allows other students to pause to read at their own pace, on their own computers, once the Prezi links are distributed.

You can draw your own illustrations and digitalise them, or use copyright pictures. It is best to use the [Search Creative Commons site](#). Search the site for 'royalty-free production photos'. You are going to produce a real product for a real audience, not just for your teacher as a class assignment.

You either go to <http://www.prezi.com>, sign-up for a basic free user-name and password, and use the website as a tool to build your own custom alternative book report or go to the App Store and download your Prezi App. You can view your Prezi on any device you like, your Prezi storage is limited and you do not have offline access and Prezi anyone can view your presentation online. You will find a library of presentations you can customise to make your own.

Getting started – some useful tips:

If it is unfamiliar to you, you could attend the advanced Prezi training (in English) to gain a better understanding of how to use the site or use the WikiHow site:

<http://www.wikihow.com/Use-Prezi>

Examples of a [Prezi Book report](#) can be found on the internet. It is a [step-by-step plan](#) If the above link doesn't work, please copy the following: <http://prezi.com/isx5w3qjdr8o/grade-4-prezi-book-report/>

Finally, have a look at Frankwatching.com for eight tips to become a real Prezi Pro !

Your (interactive) Prezi Presentation should include the following:

- A. Please note that your Prezi Presentation must consist of twenty movements in and around the book cover. Movements and sentences must be smooth and make sense. If the Prezi does not follow an organised path or work properly, points will be deducted. (10 pts)
- B. Frame: The **book cover** (add a picture), **title** and **author, publisher** should be the first things to be seen – Make them prominent and easy to read. This should be centred and should form the starting point of your Prezi Presentation. (05 pts)
- C. Frame: What can you say about the **main characters** ? Names of the main characters, including a 2-3 sentence description of each character and a picture for each character. (10 pts)
- D. Frame: **Setting**: What can you say about the setting ?
Where does the story take place ? Include 2-3 sentences and a picture. (05 pts)
- E. Frame: Write a **summary** of the story. Make sure to mention the main characters, setting, conflict, and potential themes of the story that would help someone choose your book to read. Introduce characters and action, without giving away any plot twists. This is where you are going to use your notes from stage 1. You are going to focus on analysis. Use your key bullet points from the book. A good summary includes all the important information from the beginning, middle, and end. Remember not to give away the ending. (15 pts)
- F. Frame: **Your thoughts on the book** and **Book Rating** – one well-written paragraph detailing your opinion on the book. Your paragraph should be about 6 sentences long. Do you like the book? Why (not) ? Use the following book rating system:
- ★ = I hated it, and I would not recommend the book to anyone.
 - ★★ = I didn't like it, but you might like the book; if you are into this topic.
 - ★★★ = I liked it and I think you are going to enjoy reading this book.
 - ★★★★ = I really liked it and I think you should read this book.
 - ★★★★★ = I simply loved it and I absolutely recommend it to you. (05pts)
- F. Frame: **Favourite passages or quotes** – You will want to grab your viewer's attention with a great quote, question, or statement or favourite passage from the book. You want to hook your audience. Get people excited about your chosen book; try to grab their attention. Be creative ! Select two scenes/ quotes from the book and add it to your Prezi presentation. These passages must be significant. (10 pts)

- G. Frame: **Explanation** – Explain why you chose those two particular scenes/ quotes. Be specific in your explanation and be sure you relate the pictures to specific events from the story. When I read your explanations, it should explain why you have included the favourite passages. During your three-minute presentation you will need to explain to class why you chose the two favourite quotes/ scenes. (10 pts)
- H. Frame: **Improvements** - Was there anything about the book that you didn't like ? Anything you would like to change ? Write two improvements for your book. (plot, character, setting, events etc.) (1-2 sentences per improvement) Also explain why you would like to make these changes. (1-2 sentences per explanation) (05 pts)
- I. Frame: At least one **video** (created by you or uploaded from YouTube) related to the author, book, characters or themes within. (05 pts)
- J. Frame: Do not forget to include **your name** (first and last name) and **form** on the Prezi. (see A)
- K. Frame: When you have reached the end of creating your Prezi, you want to end with a **cliffhanger**; a catchy phrase that leaves viewers curious; an ending that will motivate your classmates to read your book ! (05 pts)
- L. **CUPS: spelling, grammar, punctuation, capitalisation, complete sentences, sentence structure etc.** So correct you mechanics (Grammar + CUPS: Capitalization, Usage, Punctuation, Spelling) Make sure they are accurate. (10 pts)

_____ *Total 100 points.*

Please note that extra points may be given to reward exceptional WOW factors !

Here are some tips:

- ▶ Do not forget to include your name (first and last name) and form on the Prezi.
- ▶ Try to set the moods and convey the 'feeling' of the book.
There are several templates which you can easily adapt to your likes.
- ▶ Do not forget to check your Prezi on the whiteboard now and then to make sure the quality is excellent.
- ▶ Let other classmates, friends and even parents have a look and give feedback on your Prezi. It will improve your product in the end.
- ▶ And last, but not least: Do not forget, you will have to present your final product to your teacher and your classmates in a three-minute presentation. Have all the parts mentioned above arranged on your Prezi in a pleasing, eye-catching manner, and present your Prezi to the class. Tell us why you have decided on this type of activity to recommend your chosen novel to others and how you have achieved this. Be sure that you are ready !