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Independent Reading – Mystery

Puzzle Piece Book Project

Due Date: _____

Overview: Mystery stories are written puzzles made for a reader. To complete this project, you will make a nine-piece puzzle that gives the reader clues about the story you have read independently.

Directions: For this assignment you will need any or all of the following materials: oaktag (poster board paper), construction paper, computer and computer paper, puzzle pieces, colored pencils or markers. Using these materials, you will create a nine-piece puzzle based on the events in the book you read. Carefully follow the instructions below to complete your puzzle. Use the rubric to help you assess yourself so that you will earn the maximum amount of points possible. This is the same rubric I will use to assess your project.

Instructions for Puzzle Pieces :

- **Piece #1** – Creatively display the title and author of the book as well as your name and class number. Include a picture (not a picture of the book's cover as found online).
- **Piece #2** – Tell about the protagonist, antagonist, and any secondary characters in your book. Include a picture of the main character as well.
- **Piece #3** – Thoroughly describe the setting of the book. Include a picture of the setting.
- **Piece #4** – Identify the type of conflict and explain the conflict descriptively. Include a picture.
- **Piece #5** – Thoroughly describe the rising action. Include a picture.
- **Piece #6** – Thoroughly describe the climax of the book. Include a picture.
- **Piece #7** – Thoroughly describe the resolution. Include a picture.
- **Piece #8** – Explain why this book is a mystery.
- **Piece #9** – Rate this mystery on a scale of 1 – 5. Explain why you gave it that rating.

Finally, assemble your pieces on a large piece of oaktag. Decorate the puzzle in any way that aligns with the ideas found within the story.

**Note: Make your puzzle attractive.
It just might be displayed in Eagle Landing later this year.**

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Rubric for Mystery Puzzle Piece Project

Areas Assessed	Points Earned
Piece #1 creatively displays the title, author, student's name and class number along with a picture. (maximum = 3 pts.)	
Piece #2 tells about the protagonist, antagonist, and secondary characters in the book as well as includes a picture of the main character. (maximum = 3 pts.)	
Piece #3 thoroughly describes the setting of the book along with a picture. (maximum = 3 pts.)	
Piece #4 identifies and explains the conflict along with a picture. (maximum = 3 pts.)	
Piece #5 thoroughly describes the rising action along with a picture. (maximum = 3 pts.)	
Piece #6 thoroughly describes the climax along with a picture. (maximum = 3 pts.)	
Piece #7 thoroughly describes the resolution along with a picture. (maximum = 3 pts.)	
Piece #8 explains why this book is a mystery. (maximum = 3 pts.)	
Piece #9 gives a personal rating of the book. (maximum = 3 pts.)	
Score for mechanics (spelling, punctuation, grammar) (maximum = 5 pts.)	
Score for overall presentation (maximum = 5 pts.)	
Total Points Earned (maximum = 37)	
Grade Entered Into Your Average $\left(\frac{\text{total points earned}}{37}\right)$	