



2026 Summer Reading | One-Pager Project
Saint Joseph Academy English Language Arts Department | 7th through 12th grade
DUE DATE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026

Attention Bloodhound Family! Join us as we embark on another summer reading journey! This Summer 2026, we are excited to continue our SJA Summer Reading Project to all of you enrolled in 7th to 12th grade. (Students that are registered through the UTRGV-DEEP Program are not required to submit a project but are always encouraged to read during the summer!) Reading is a fundamental part of our daily education lives. Reading also benefits students in the way they think, the way they write, the way they comprehend various texts, the way it increases vocabulary acquisition, and so much more! We want our great Bloodhounds to learn, be creative, and give us their absolute best in this summer reading project. The assignment along with a rubric and directions are listed below.

What is a One-Pager?

It is a single-page response to your reading that connects the ideas in the text to your thoughts, beliefs, and feelings in a creative and original way. The purpose of creating the One-Pager is to display your comprehension of the novel's literary devices and techniques, including theme, characterization, societal and internal significance. The options are virtually endless. For the One-Pager, you will use WHITE PRINTER PAPER (8 ½ inches by 11 inches) or a larger paper if you choose.

What to include:

- 1.) Write the title of the novel along with the author's name somewhere on the page. Choose colors and lettering that fit the tone of the novel.
- 2.) Cite THREE to FIVE significant or impactful quotes or sentences from the novel. If the quote is a piece of dialogue, write down the character's name of who said it. Also include the page number where you found the quote or sentence.
- 3.) Write TWO summary statements. One of the statements should be about the main protagonist (main character) and the other about the novel's conflict. Characters and the conflict are the essential elements of any novel's or story's plotline.
- 4.) Intricately illustrate AT LEAST THREE meaningful images that played an important role in the novel. These illustrations can be objects, symbols, settings, virtually anything that visually connects to the story's plot.
- 5.) Write a theme (life lesson) that the author wants readers to infer from reading the novel.



Saint Joseph Academy One-Pager Rubric **DUE DATE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026**

Category	15 POINTS (EXEMPLARY)	10 POINTS (SATISFACTORY)	5 POINTS (BASIC)	2 POINTS (LIMITED)
Components	One-pager includes ALL of the required components listed below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Title and author - Colors and lettering - 3 – 5 impactful quotes or sentences - 2 summary statements - 3 meaningful illustrations - Theme / lesson learned 	One-pager is missing TWO of the following required components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Title and author - Colors and lettering - 3 – 5 impactful quotes or sentences - 2 summary statements - 3 meaningful illustrations - Theme / lesson learned 	One-pager is missing THREE of the following required components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Title and author - Colors and lettering - 3 – 5 impactful quotes or sentences - 2 summary statements - 3 meaningful illustrations - Theme / lesson learned 	One-pager is missing FOUR OR MORE of the following required components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Title and author - Colors and lettering - 3 – 5 impactful quotes or sentences - 2 summary statements - 3 meaningful illustrations - Theme / lesson learned
Impactful Quotes / Sentences	The quotes and/or sentences selected has EXEMPLARY insight on the novel’s characters, plotline, progression, etc. The analysis of the selected quotes/sentences provides an in-depth look at the world inside the novel and an exemplary insight on real-world societal elements.	The quotes and/or sentences selected has SATISFACTORY insight on the novel’s characters, plotline, progression, etc. The analysis of the selected quotes/sentences provides an in-depth look at the world inside the novel and an exemplary insight on real-world societal elements.	The quotes and/or sentences selected has BASIC insight on the novel’s characters, plotline, progression, etc. The analysis of the selected quotes/sentences provides an in-depth look at the world inside the novel and an exemplary insight on real-world societal elements.	The quotes and/or sentences selected has LIMITED insight on the novel’s characters, plotline, progression, etc. The analysis of the selected quotes/sentences provides an in-depth look at the world inside the novel and an exemplary insight on real-world societal elements.
Summary Statements	Summary gives many details about the plot, setting, characters, main ideas, the problem or problems the main character faced, and includes what happened at the end of the novel in an exemplary manner. The summary has very minimal errors in grammar, punctuation, spelling, and capitalization.	Summary gives a good amount of details about the plot, setting, characters, main ideas, the problem or problems the main character faced, and includes what happened at the end of the novel in a satisfactorily manner. The summary has few errors in grammar, punctuation, spelling, and capitalization.	Summary gives a minimal amount of details about the plot, setting, characters, main ideas, the problem or problems the main character faced, and includes what happened at the end of the novel in a very basic manner. The summary has some errors in grammar, punctuation, spelling, and capitalization.	Summary gives a very limited amount of details about the plot, setting, characters, main ideas, the problem or problems the main character faced, and includes what happened at the end of the novel in a very minimalistic and limited manner. The summary has a significant amount of errors in grammar, punctuation, spelling, and capitalization.
Depth & Breadth	Student went into great depth when explaining the quotation, drawing symbols/pictures, and writing summary. <i>(In depth and breadth means you have specific details, you go above and beyond when describing, and you convince me you read your novel and read it well.)</i>	Student went into somewhat great depth when explaining the quotation, drawing symbols/pictures, and writing summary.	Student went into very basic and minimal depth when explaining the quotation, drawing symbols/pictures, and writing summary.	Student went into very limited and little to no minimal depth when explaining the quotation, drawing symbols/pictures, and writing summary.
Illustrations	The illustrations created are intricate, detailed, meaningful, and hold a great weight of significance to the novel in an exemplary manner. You may only utilize ONE digital image.	The illustrations created are intricate, detailed, meaningful, and have some significance to the novel in a satisfactorily manner.	The illustrations created are intricate, detailed, meaningful, and have some significance to the novel in a basic manner.	The illustrations created have limited to no intricacy, details, displays nothing meaningful, and have little to no significance to the novel.
Theme (life lesson)	Provide a detailed and exemplary life lesson or theme that the author would love for the reader to possibly incorporate into their daily lives.	Provide a detailed and satisfactory life lesson or theme that the author would love for the reader to possibly incorporate into their daily lives.	Provide a detailed and basic life lesson or theme that the author would love for the reader to possibly incorporate into their daily lives.	Provide a somewhat detailed and limited life lesson or theme that the author would love for the reader to possibly incorporate into their daily lives.
Points Total				

FINAL GRADE: _____