

## English 10 CP - Gribbin

### Summer Reading Assignment: *Rocket Boys* Projects

Due date: Tuesday after Labor Day

**DIRECTIONS:** You must choose ONE of the options below. Your project must include ALL components of your choice. Submit your written work on Google Classroom anytime before Labor Day. Presentations will occur in class and will count towards your first quarter grade.

#### **Option 1-Rocket Boys Scrapbook**

- a. Include key 5- 10 phrases/ words/ quotations from the novel. Explain why each is important to the text.
- b. Include pictures (5-10) and explain why they are important to the text. You may draw these pictures, gather them from the internet/magazines, or design them in other creative ways.
- c. Make a detailed timeline- include dates and explanations. Must have at least 5 key events- explain what makes them important.
- d. Include a diary from someone other than Sonny's point of view- you can use Mom, Dad, Jim, Quentin or Daisy Mae. Should have at least 5 entries and each entry will need to be at least 10 sentences in length.
- e. Books should be colorful and easy to read. They must be submitted/designed electronically (example: iphoto, Prezi, Google Slides... Be creative)
- f. Include title of book, author, your name, and class name on cover.
- g. Present your book to the class with a brief (2-3 minutes) explanation of your work. (In class week following Labor Day)

#### **Option 2- Music Album**

- a. Select 10 to 12 songs to represent different chapters, scenes, characters, conflicts, settings, or themes in the novel.
- b. Make an album cover- this may be drawn or designed.
- c. List each song's title and artist, along with a three to six sentence explanation for each of how the song relates to the novel.
- d. Albums must be submitted/designed electronically (example: iphoto, Prezi, Google Slides... Be creative) Present a few song clips to your classmates along with the explanations. (4 to 5 minute presentation in class week following Labor Day)

#### **Option 3- Background/Historical Information Presentation (PowerPoint)**

- a. Research the life and work of Homer Hickam. Include text and pictures of the author/ NASA engineer and his work.
- b. Research Coalwood, West Virginia. Provide historical and current statistics and information. Include text and pictures.
- c. Research some information on the NASA space program and its endeavors. Focus on an area that interests you most  
(engineering/technology/astronauts/shuttle construction/space missions/ other).
- d. **MUST** include MLA formatted citations for your research or NO credit will be given.
- e. Your presentation should be five to ten minutes. Must be submitted electronically as either a PowerPoint, Google Slides, Prezi, etc.