

Milkweed

Possible Projects – Choose one from each category or create your own contract with your teacher

Literary Luminary

1. Write a response to text in which you compare and contrast Stopthief and Uri.
2. Write a response to text in which you explore Janina's impact on Stopthief and the novel as a whole.
3. Write a persuasive essay in which you argue that Uri's treatment of Stopthief was justified or not justified.
4. Research children in the Warsaw Ghetto and prepare a research report or an electronic presentation of equivalent length and complexity. Include a full works cited page (bibliography).
5. Research the resettlement of displaced Jews in the United States during WWII. Then choose one aspect (a place, like Oswego, New York, an organization, or a person) to focus your research on. Prepare a research report or an electronic presentation of equivalent length and complexity. Include a full works cited page (bibliography).

History and Culture

1. Write a research report or electronic presentation of equivalent length and complexity on the Jewish faith. Include an outline of the major teachings, holy days (or holidays), historical and contemporary leaders, and methods of worship. This will be an introductory overview of about 3 or 4 pages and can be written in sections. Include a full works cited page (bibliography).
2. Interview a veteran of a foreign war (this includes WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Iraq, and Afghanistan – other service overseas may be acceptable, so please check with the teacher). Prepare a minimum of 25 questions once you have requested the interview and been accepted. Set up a date and time convenient to both of you. Take notes or record the interview. Then write a summary and reflection of the veteran's experiences. Remember to send a thank you note to the person you interview. It may be difficult and painful for them to talk about their experiences, and they are honoring you by sharing..

3. Choose a biography, autobiography, memoir or history of WWII. Get the teacher's approval. Read the book and write a response to text or electronic presentation of equivalent length and complexity. The response should include an extensive summary of the key points with a brief explanation for each and your response to the work.

Please note that this is an extensive assignment and will result in four major grades. You will be given class time to read, research, and write. However, it will be necessary to spend some time out of class to complete this assignment. Do not procrastinate!

Due Dates:

Choose Assignments: November 30

Check-in 1 : December 2

Rough draft 1: December 7

Final draft 1: December 10

Check-in 2: December 14

Rough draft 2: December 20

Final draft 2: December 22