**Lit Circle Culminating Activity List**

***DIRECTIONS****: For this culminating assignment, you can choose one project to complete in order to show your in-depth understanding of characters, theme, and/or the essential question of our unit.*

* **Poetry cycle**: Write a collection of poems (any style and type) that reflects the central theme of the novel, the protagonist’s journey, and/or the ***essential questions*** of our unit. For each poem, include a brief description of what aspect of the novel is reflected in it. Illustrate a least half of your poems. Minimum of 5 poems.
	+ **EXTENSION**: Can you use ideas or characters from 3 different books whose entries can all relate back to one theme, or our ***essential questions***?
* **Children’s book or graphic novel**: Adapt the main events of the novel into a children’s book or graphic novel. This will require you to condense time, events, and characters, but your adaptation should still accurately reflect the theme of the novel and the ***essential questions*** of our unit. For the children’s book, be aware of your tone and language. For both, use appropriate illustrations. Books and graphic novels should be several pages in length.
* **Journey map**: Create a map of one character’s journey through the novel relating to our unit’s ***essential questions***. This journey can be physical, psychological, emotional, or spiritual (or a combination). The map should show the character’s progression from one pace/state of mind to another. Use images to represent each stage of the journey and summarize what is happening and why it is significant to the character’s evolution.
	+ **EXTENSION**: Can you intertwine one or more characters from more than one of our novels. Can you find similarities in their maps and their connection to our ***essential questions*** and therefore overlap them?
* **Sequal / Ending**:Write a sequel to your novel, or re-write a different ending. This addition to the book should be several pages in length and be related to the story’s theme and our unit’s ***essential questions***. Create a title page/front cover for your addition.
	+ **EXTENSION**: Can you intertwine two stories to make a prequel/sequel that brings one or more of the books’ characters, themes, events, etc. together?
* **Theme collage**: Using magazine photos, artwork, print images, words, and other artifacts, create a collage to represent the theme of the novel and the ***essential questions*** of our unit. Include important ideas, events, and characters from the novel. On a separate page, write a multi-paragraph composition (minimum 2-3 paragraphs) explaining what the images symbolize and how they relate to and illustrate the theme of the novel.
	+ **EXTENSION**: Can you use our ***essential questions*** to create a collage that represents more than one of the books we have read in our unit?
* **Diary Writing**: Pretend that you are a character in the novel. Write at least three diary entries explaining 3 different events that occurred through the novel that relate to the theme or ***essential questions*** of our unit. Create a title page/front cover for your character(s)’s diary (what would it look like: doodled on, poetry, pictures, quotes, etc.)
	+ **EXTENSION**: Can you use 3 different characters, from 3 different books whose entries can all relate back to one theme, or our ***essential questions***?
* **Interview**: Write an in-depth interview with one of the major characters in the novel. Your questions must, at some point in the interview, touch on our unit’s ***essential questions*** and how the character embodied this.
	+ **EXTENSION**: Can you intertwine characters from more than one of our novels. What would the interview sound like if they were sitting in the same room, answering the same questions, and interacting with each other?
* **Songs**: Find three songs (include song name and artist) which relate to the theme or ***essential questions*** of your novel. Write out the lyrics for each and write a paragraph for each song which explains why you chose this particular song, and how it relates to your novel. Create a CD cover for the compilation of songs you have put together.
	+ **EXTENSION**: Can you relate songs to more than one of our books’ themes or the unit’s ***essential questions***? Can you write your own song (with chorus) to relate to one (or more) of our books’ themes/ our ***essential questions***?
* **Memory Box**: Create a memory box containing things that are important to the main character and relating to our unit’s ***essential questions***. Make sure that you have at least 8-10 artifacts that would be important to, or be representative of, your character. Write a description of the items, and explain why you included them in at least 2 well-written paragraphs.
	+ **EXTENSION**: Can you create a memory box that can apply to characters and the ***essential questions*** from more than one of our books?
* **Artwork**: Create two pieces of artwork in a medium of your choice which are representative of the ***essential questions,*** theme or characters in your novel. Write a description explaining your choice of media, and how your artwork relates to the novel.
	+ **EXTENSION**: Can you compare/contrast more than one of the characters from more than one novel, or can you relate the theme and/or ***essential questions*** of our unit between your two pieces of art?
* **Video Game Character**: Create profiles for at least 3 characters who will be ‘players’ in a video game of your choice. The players’ profiles must be representative of the ***essential questions,*** when their characteristics are listed. Write a description explaining your reasoning behind giving each character their strengths and weaknesses.

**EXTENSION**: Can you explain which character (player) would prevail in the video game if they were to meet each other? Bring in aspects of their personalities and their inner strength (or lack thereof) to explain.

* **Other:** See me if you have another idea to show your in-depth understanding of characters, theme, and/or the ***essential question*** of our unit.