

You are part of a pilot program I would like to try for this year's novel unit. Because of my idea's unique and somewhat abstract nature, however, not all students will find it appealing or helpful in learning the material. For that reason, you will be able to choose from the traditional plan of study or opt for the alternate plan.

First, the number one key to success for this unit is to read the story. Unless you are willing to do that, you WILL NOT pass the quarter. Unfortunately, no matter what I say, the reality is that a number of you will choose not to read, which is why I give detailed reading check quizzes for each reading assignment. I'm also pleased to say that a number of you will commit to reading every word of the story. That is why I am offering you an alternate plan of study. Before you can contract for this option, you **MUST MAKE A 100% COMMITMENT TO READ EVERY WORD OF THE STORY.** (If you cannot commit to this, don't even attempt this plan.) Failure to read the assigned pages as the due dates occur will result in the equivalent of the quiz score deducted from your project grade. Also, if you fail to read more than two assignments, you will be booted from plan B and will need to take the traditional course of study. You will also be required to make up all of the study guide work and vocab work that you missed. **I reserve the right to limit the number of students who can sign up for plan B.**

PLAN A

- ♥ Read each of the page assignments
- ♥ Take quizzes for all reading
- ♥ Complete detailed study guide (300+ questions)
- ♥ Complete all vocabulary worksheets
- ♥ Take periodic vocab quizzes
- ♥ Write a character analysis
- ♥ With group members, present a selected scene from the story
- ♥ Misc. assignments and in class activities

SCORING PLAN A

- ♥ Quiz points: approximately 200
- ♥ Study guide: 340 points
- ♥ Vocab worksheets: approx. 150
- ♥ Character analysis: 100 points
- ♥ Group scene presentations: 50 points
- ♥ Misc. assignments as assigned

SCORING PLAN B

- ♥ Scrapbook/journal: 540 points (60 points per due date)
- ♥ Presentation: 50 points
- ♥ Vocab work: 75 points
- ♥ Vocab final project: 75 points
- ♥ Character analysis: 100 points
- ♥ Group scene presentations: 50 points
- ♥ Misc. assignments as assigned

PLAN B

- ♥ 100% commitment to reading assignments by due date. I may ask students to take random quizzes or answer specific questions about the reading to determine if this is happening.
- ♥ Develop a presentation of an assigned chapter (see assignment sheet)
- ♥ Write a character analysis
- ♥ With group members, present a selected scene from the story
- ♥ Misc. assignments and in class activities
- ♥ VOCABULARY PROJECT
 - Select a minimum of eight NEW words from each reading assignment (be sure to record page number and sentence from which to find the words) and develop an instructional format that will help you make these words a permanent part of your vocabulary. I have a number of possible formats for this. You will need to conference with me to pick the most effective plan. A final project demonstrating your learning will be required, which we will develop together.
- ♥ SCRAPBOOK/JOURNAL: For each reading assignment, you will...
 - Include five or more items, images, drawings, representations to reflect each assignment.
 - Address characters: identify new characters, changes in characters and/or their beliefs, character development, personality and or physical descriptions, etc. Include drawings or pictures you find to reflect Dickens' characters.
 - Clearly identify and showcase themes/ lessons as they apply in the story.
 - Showcase detailed plot development.
 - Address setting, including place, descriptions, timeline, etc.
 - Write a letter/journal where you apply your value system to analyze characters actions and or beliefs. You can write as yourself or as a fictional omniscient witness to the story. This really needs to reflect your understanding of characters' motives which they reveal through their words and action.

Perhaps you may wish to discuss this with your parent(s) or guardian before you make your final decision. Good luck!