Contemporary Literature Independent Unit – Soares/Mueller

“Pimp My Cart” Genre Study

CC.11-12.RL.2, CC.11-12.RL.3, CC.11-12.RL.4, CC.11-12.RL.5

Reading

For this unit, you will be in a group of 4-5 other students. Collectively, you must select a genre of novel to read. You will individually select a novel to read within that genre. You are responsible for reading the novel; you will not be given a timeline to have certain pages read by a certain time. We will, however, have a schedule for working on the project.

Research

 1. We will spend at least one class period in the Media Center.

 2. You will write a short (approx. half page, double-spaced typed) explanation of why you

 are choosing this particular work and what you hope to gain from it. You may work with

 your partners for the genre aspect of the writing, but you need to write your on your own

 for the particular book you are reading.

 3. You will research the author, book reviews, themes related to the work you have chosen.

 4. You will be given a grade for research.

Writing

1. You will have an in-class written exam. You will be answering questions about your

book, so make sure that it is completely read by the deadline.

1. You will also be making brief informal presentations about your book to the class.

Pimp My Cart Project

1. With your partners, you will decorate a library book cart in a way that is consistent with the genre your group has chosen. While I encourage you to be creative as possible, keep in mind that your decorations must be school appropriate (these will be on display). Also, make sure that you do not damage the book cart in any way.
2. Once the carts are completed, they will be on display in the library where students will vote for the best cart. Good luck!

Schedule

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Have the text read by:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_