

## *Choice of tasks to do while reading an English book*

### *Writing*

- Make a timeline of the events of the story. Explain it.
- Rewrite your favourite part of the book using yourself as a character and a favourite place as a setting.
- Write a letter to a character in the story telling about your reaction to him or her in the book.
- Write a letter from a character to the reader explaining his or her actions.
- Write a letter to the author giving your reactions to the book.
- Write a letter to a friend recommending the book.
- Pretend you are a newspaper reporter whose job is to interview one of the characters. Write your interview.
- Write a newspaper article about what happened in the book.
- Write a different ending to the book.
- Write a reading journal after every few chapters.
- Keep a diary from a character in the book.
- Pretend you are a movie critic. Criticize the book as if it were a movie.
- Write the same story plot, only use a different setting (time and place).
- Create another character for the story. Tell how things would change with this character's presence.
- If you had written this book, what part would you have written differently and why? What would have happened if some event had happened differently?
- Rewrite a section of the novel from another character's point of view.
- Write a sequel to this story. Write a brief summary of the sequel. Include information about the sequel's plot, setting and main characters.
- Write a series of e-mail or text messages to one of the main characters, with replies from the character.

### *Drawing*

- Summarize the plot of the story by creating a cartoon version of it.
- Draw a picture of your favourite part of the story. Add a caption explaining what is happening in the picture.
- Create a poster advertising the book. Explain it.
- Draw a picture timeline showing the important events in the story.
- Write and illustrate a children's book for someone younger.
- Sketch a portrait of a character. Write everything you know about him or her.
- Redesign the front and back cover of your novel. Include the pertinent information as well as the short summary on the back. Draw a picture to put on the inside of your novel. State where in the story your picture would go.

### *Other*

- Make a bookmark that includes phrases and pictures to represent one theme from the book.
- Dramatic Reading – Choose a scene to read aloud and record.

### *Research*

- ❖ Research to find some additional facts that would relate to your book. Tell the facts and explain the relationship to the book