

One of the plays students will read next year is *Macbeth*. *Macbeth* is full of superstition, witchcraft, Christian references, and imagery of life under the feudal system. Students may choose **one** of three books to read that tie into *Macbeth* and the legends of King Arthur.

Pick **one** of these books to read:

[\*The Once and Future King\*](#) by T.H. White

[\*Enter Three Witches\*](#) by Caroline Cooney

[\*Beautiful Creatures\*](#) by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl

Students will complete a Book in a Box project for their selected novel. Students will present this project to the class the first full week of school, and the project will count as a test grade.

## Book in a Bag Project.

- Find at least 8 different objects that you consider important to the book or its theme. You can use pictures of the object if it is too big to fit inside your bag.
- Decorate your bag to go with the book. You can draw pictures yourself or use pictures from magazines or the internet. Be sure to include the title and author of the book on the bag as well as your name.
- Fill the bag with objects that represent important events or ideas from the book.
- Create a Google Doc and name it Book Project.
  - Type the name of the book (in italics) and the name(s) of the author(s) (not in italics) on the top line of the document.
  - For each object, type a paragraph of at least 100 words about the object and why is an important part of the book. Number each entry and start with the name of the item in bold and then your thoughts about this item.

## Sample Entry

*My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult.

**1 Family.** The book is told in first person point of view with multiple narrators, so the reader knows the thoughts and emotions of most of the characters. Kate has recurring leukemia and only narrates one chapter, so the reader knows least what she is thinking. Brian, the dad, and Sara, the mom, will do just about anything to save Kate's life, but that puts a lot of stress on the other two children. Anna and Jesse both love their sister and want her to survive, but they are dealing with their own issues, which they don't always share with their parents. In many ways, they are a typical family, but Kate's illness accentuates family dynamics.

**2. Kidneys.** Kate's kidneys are failing because of her leukemia. The only way to save her is to perform a kidney transplant, but that requires a donor who is a perfect match. Even then, Kate's body could reject the kidney and she could die, or her leukemia could cause other organs to fail. There could also be complications for the person donating the replacement kidney. The book presents the pros and cons of what medical science can accomplish and encourages the reader to think about whether doctors whether should always prolong a patient's life, especially when the patient's illness keeps returning.





**Grading Criteria:**

The title of the book and the name(s) of the author(s) are clearly written on the outside of the bag. 5%

The student includes at least 8 relevant items. 40%

The student writes a thoughtful paragraph that explains the importance of each item to the overall story or theme of the book. 40%

There are no errors in spelling or grammar. 10%

The student presents the project to the class. 5%