**Indian Horse**

**Mid Book Project – 25 Points**

Choose ONE of the following to complete

* **A poem or song**, or at least 5 verses or stanzas (~ one page), describing the events, character and conflict of the book, so far.
* **A movie poster or alternate book cover** showing a catchy hook or quote and a scene from the book, so far.
* **A model or diorama** that represents a setting, theme or event from the novel.

***You MUST also submit a ½ to 1 page reflection (150 to 250+ words) on how this project accurately represents an important part of the novel.***

You will be marked on:

1. Craftsmanship/presentation – completeness, neatness, consideration of audience
2. Understanding of novel – understanding of events, characters, themes, etc.
3. Use of imagination – creativity and originality, personal interpretation
4. Planning process – draft of project, effective use of time
5. Writing – ideas and conventions

**Rubric**

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|  | **Experimenting**  **1** | **Emerging**  **2** | **Developing**  **3** | **Effective**  **4** | **Strong**  **5 5+** | **Score** |
| **Craftsmanship (visual or poem)** | -Poor use of material(s)  -Little attention to detail |  | -Competent use of material(s)  -Adequate attention to details |  | -Excellent use of material(s)  -Extreme attention to details | /5 |
| **Understanding of novel** | Lack of understanding |  | Basic understanding of novel demonstrated |  | Deep understanding of novel demonstrated | /5 |
| **Use of imagination** | Little development of original subject |  | Acceptable visual, some originality |  | Dynamic! Very unique! | /5 |
| **Planning process** | -Poor use of class time  -No plan or draft |  | -Good use of time, but may have lacked some focus  -Draft complete |  | -Excellent use of class time  -Draft complete and exemplary | /5 |
| **Writing** | -Frequent errors in mechanics and spelling  -Writing is too short and difficult to comprehend |  | -Few errors (3-5) in capitalization, punctuation, and spelling  -Message is clear, but little or no detail is provided |  | -No errors (or <1)  -Writing is confident and clear. Relevant details enrich writing | /5 |

**Project Checklist**

* Completed project (poem, poster or model) that is attractive and original
* Completed planning sheet
* ½ to 1 page reflection on how this project reflects the novel

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| **Planning Sheet**  **Indian Horse Mid-Book Project** | | | | | |
| **Project Visual**   1. **What kind of visual are you creating? (Please circle)** | | | * Poem or Song * Movie poster or Book cover * Model/diorama | | |
| **Novel Elements**   1. **What part of the novel is your project going to be about? Add details below in at least one of the following categories.** | | | | | |
| **Setting** | **Characters** | **Conflict** | | **Plot or events** | **Themes** |
| **DRAFT YOUR PROJECT**   1. **Draw or write a draft of your project, including your reflection. You can use the backside of this page or loose-leaf if you need more space. PLEASE HAND EVERYTHING IN!** | | | | | |
| **Approval**   1. **When you have this planning sheet complete, please hand in to Ms. Wilson or Ms. Little for approval. After approval, you can start your final copy.** | | | | | |

Saul and Naomi’s attempted voyage from Gods Lake to Minoose was one filled with disaster and desperation. Naomi and Saul had decided to leave Gods Lake because winter was coming and they knew they could not survive nor could they wait for Saul’s parents any longer. ““We can’t wait for them,” she [Naomi] said,” (Wagamese, p. 34). They loaded the canoe with the last of their supplies (fish and geese) and made shawls from their tent to keep warm. However, the lack of food, exhaustion and cold was an obstacle too great. Their canoe capsized after hitting a boulder. They didn’t make it to Minoose.

Saul and Naomi’s final canoe ride together is an important element of the novel. Firstly, it demonstrates the strength of Naomi’s character and her ability to persevere. It also represents a turning point in the plot. After this event occurs, Saul is taken to the residential school. Had the canoe not capsized, the story would have likely had very different outcome. The final canoe ride shows an important conflict: man vs. nature. Naomi was defeated by this conflict, but Saul was able to survive. Lastly, in my perspective, the canoe is a symbol of the traditional way of life for First Nations people. In this chapter, when the canoe capsized, not only supplies were lost. In a way, Saul also lost his way of life and values. Everything was all washed away in the river.