

Mystery Genre Puzzle Book Project



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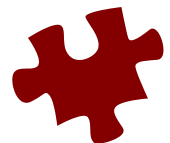


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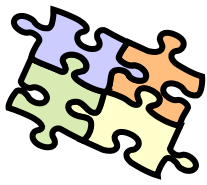
Where?



When?



Name _____



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By now you should have finished a mystery, and you are ready to put together your book project.

Materials

- **Mystery Book you have finished**
- **Posterboard or Tagboard**
- **Yardstick**
- **Materials for coloring/scissors**
- **gluestick**
- **8 x 12 envelope**



TO BEGIN: Using a yardstick and a pencil, divide your posterboard into eight equal pieces. Draw "innies" and "outies" to make these look like jigsaw puzzle pieces. This will be the back.

ON THE FRONT: Use crayons, colored pencils or the computer to illustrate a scene from your book. The picture is worth 15 points and it should show:

- the main setting,
- the detective and any other main characters
- suspect who committed the crime
- at least two clues
- the mystery

You may also include any red herrings if you like; remembering red herrings are those things the author puts in to throw you off track. Fill the space completely. There should not be any blank/white parts on your poster. **NOTE:** It is a good idea to do a rough draft of this picture.

ON THE BACK: Each puzzle piece will represent a story element. You need to read the following for each piece:

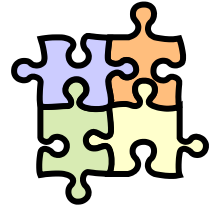
- ★ **Piece 1:** The book title, author, your name and an illustration. (5 pts.)
- ★ **Piece 2:** Setting--Write about the time and place where this story takes place. How does the setting fit into the mystery? (10 pts.)
- ★ **Piece 3:** Main Characters--Tell who your main characters, suspects are. Describe each character. (10 pts.)
- ★ **Piece 4:** The Mystery--Tell what the mystery is in the story. What was the crime, or what needs to be solved. (10 pts.)
- ★ **Piece 5:** Clues-- Tell what the clues were in this story and how they helped get the mystery solved. (10 pts.)
- ★ **Piece 6:** Beginning Events—What happens at the beginning of this story? (10 pts.)
- ★ **Piece 7:** What are the middle events? What clues does the detective follow? (10 pts)
- ★ **Piece 8:** How does the story end? Who solves the mystery and how? (10 pts.)

You may type the paragraphs for puzzle pieces 2-8, then print and cut them out and glue them on or you may neatly write the paragraphs directly on the poster board in pencil. If you do this remember to draw light guidelines in each piece using a pencil and a ruler.

THE ENVELOPE: Place all your puzzle pieces in your envelope. Draw your scene on the front of the envelope if you like. Include the title of the story, the author, and your name.

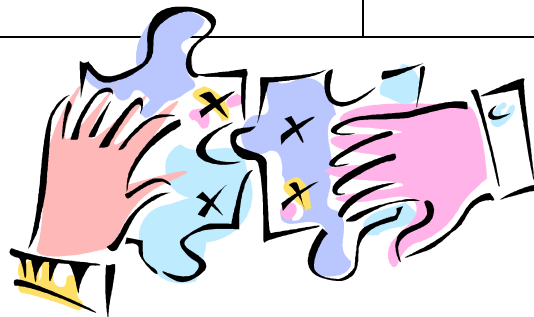
COMPLETION: After you have finished your project you will cut our puzzle apart and place it in the envelope. We will share the projects by putting together each other's puzzles.

Mystery Genre Book Project Rubric

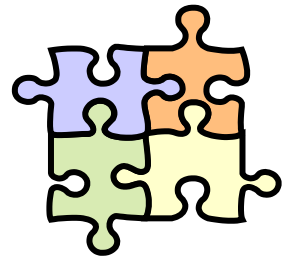


This is how you will be graded. You can use this as a guide to help you finish your puzzle pieces.

Component	Points Possible	Completed?
Illustration that includes: book title, setting, sleuths, 2 clues, mystery, and the person who committed the crime.	15	
Piece 1 Title Square	5	
Piece 2 Setting	10	
Piece 3 Main Characters	10	
Piece 4 Mystery	10	
Piece 5 Clues	10	
Piece 6 Beginning	10	
Piece 7 Middle	10	
Piece 8 Ending	10	
Spelling, Capitalization, Punctuation After the second mistake, you will lose one point for each mistake.	10	



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Use these sheets to help write the first draft of your puzzle piece paragraphs.

Piece 1

Book title, author, your name and an illustration. (5pts.)

Title _____

Author _____

Piece 2: The Setting

Write about the time and place where this story takes place.
(10 pts.)

Piece 3: Main Characters

Tell who your main characters are. Write at least one sentence describing each character. (10 pts.)

Who were the detective(s) and what character traits made them good at solving mysteries?

2. Who were the suspects and WHY did they seemed suspicious?

3. Other characters in the story included...

Piece 4: The Mystery

What is the mystery in the story? What was the crime or what needs to be solved? (10 pts.)

The mystery in this story is _____

Piece 5: Clues

Tell what the clues were in this story and how they helped get the mystery solved. What were your red herrings (distractions) in this story? (10 pts.)

One of the clues in this story was _____

Another clue that helped solve the mystery was _____

A clue that turned out to be a red herring/distraction was

Piece 6: Beginning Events

Retell the beginning of this story. This should include what happened up until the mystery was revealed. (10 pts.)

Piece 8: The Ending

Retell the ending of the story. What is the solution to the mystery? Who solves it, and how did they figure it out? (10 pts.)

Note: You will also receive 10 points for writing conventions. After the second mistake you will lose one point for every spelling, capitalization and punctuation error on your final copy.