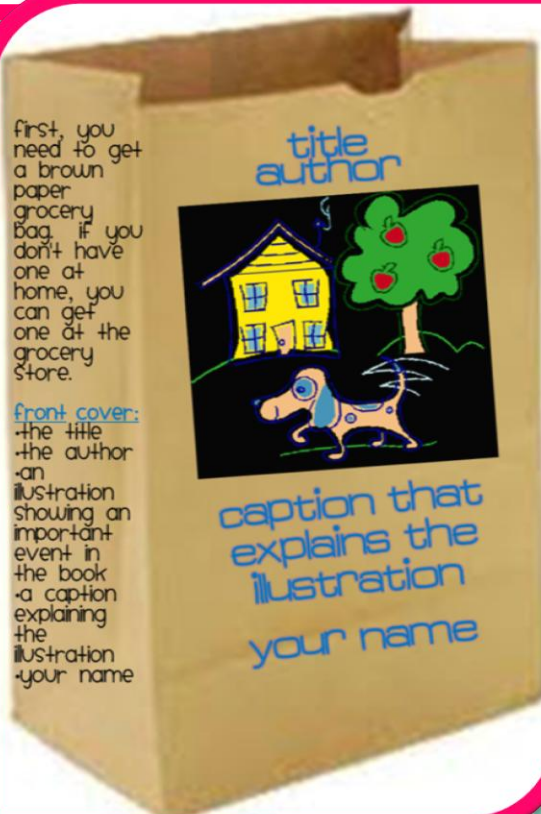


paper bag book reports



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Just a Note

This is a really fun way to assign a book report. The kids do the written portion of the report on the outside of the bag, and then place five items that represent something important in the story inside the bag. It's a good way to introduce symbolism. Students use large grocery store bags, so these do take up quite a bit of room. I grade them and send them home as soon as each student presents.

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first, you need to get a brown paper grocery bag. if you don't have one at home, you can get one at the grocery store.

front cover:

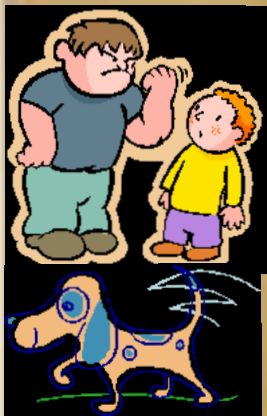
- the title
- the author
- an illustration showing an important event in the book
- a caption explaining the illustration
- your name

title
author



caption that
explains the
illustration
your name

characters



character
descriptions

setting



time,
place,
context

right side-characters

draw three main characters from the book - be sure to include a description of the character (not just appearance, but also character traits, and evidence (how do you know this?))

right side- draw the setting

be sure to include time (past, present, or future), place, and context (what we need to understand or accept to follow the story line - this could be magic, space travel, etc.)

left side- problem & resolution

write a good paragraph explaining the main problem in the story and how this problem was resolved. remember, you are looking for the main problem - don't get bogged down in details.

back side-summary

summarize the main events in chronological order. stick to the main ideas and avoid getting side tracked by details. be sure to include beginning, middle and end.

back side- item descriptions

describe the five items that you have placed inside the bag. explain what each item is, what it has to do with the story, and why you chose to put this item in the bag.

inside the bag

place five items that represent an important event in the book. each item needs to be symbolic of an main character, setting, problem, or event in the story. describe these items and what they represent under the summary on the back of the bag.

paper bag book report rubric

Requirement	Points
Front Cover – Title, Author, Illustration, Caption, Your Name	10
Right Side – Three main characters with descriptions	10
Right Side – Setting (Time, Place, Context)	10
Left Side – Problem (What is the problem and who does it affect?)	10
Left Side – Resolution (How was the problem resolved – be specific)	10
Back Side – Summary of the book (Beginning, Middle, End)	15
Back Side – Item Descriptions (Description, Symbol for..., Why you included it)	15
Oral Presentation (Stand up straight, eye contact, clear, loud voice, and presentation)	20
Totals	100

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The background of the entire image is a repeating pattern of brown paper bags, each with a small handle at the top, arranged in a grid-like fashion.

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enjoy these Paper Bag Book
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