

# Historical Fiction Book Report

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Due date: 11/10/11

Type of Book (genre): Historical Fiction

This month students are asked to read a historic fiction book at their reading level. If you have difficulty finding a book at your child's level you could read a book to them, get a book on tape from the library, or consult the Historic Fiction Book Idea List on the back. Historic fiction is based on historical facts and/or events but the story or characters in the story are made up or not based on facts.

Students will perform a 2-4 minute monologue they have created orally to the class. They are asked to come dressed in the style of the historic period represented in their readings. For example, if the child read the Magic Tree House book Hour of the Olympics, they might come dressed in a toga as was worn in ancient Greece.

Students are asked to complete the attached **Performance Planning Sheet** and turn it in to their classroom teachers by the above due date. The actual oral presentation is the same day. Look for a report rubric or expectations sheet attached.

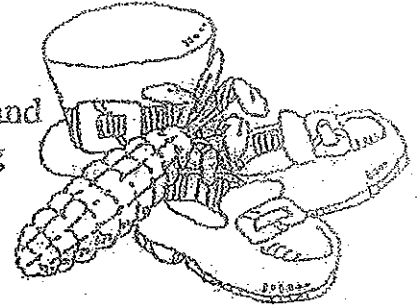
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# The One-Person Show



## Performance Planning Sheet

To get ready for your one-person performance, read your book and think about the main character. Plan your performance by filling out this sheet. Finally, practice your performance in front of a mirror.



Book title \_\_\_\_\_ Author \_\_\_\_\_

Character's name & age \_\_\_\_\_

1. What will I need to wear in order to show my audience when and where my character lived?

2. How will I need to speak in order to show my character's age? What kind of accent or special words will I need to use?

3. What kinds of props will I need? (Props include tables and chairs as well as things actors use like books and reading glasses.)

4. As I pretend to be this character, what will I tell the audience about who my character is, where he or she came from, what he or she thinks and feels, and what has happened in his or her life?

*Please continue # 4 on the back. →*

## Rubric for Oral Presentation and Book Report on Historical Fiction

4	3	2	1
Student has answered worksheet in complete sentences.	Most of the answers on the worksheet were in complete sentences.	Few of the answers on the worksheet were answered in complete sentences.	No questions on the worksheet were answered in complete sentences.
Penmanship is neat and legible throughout the report.	Penmanship is neat and legible in most of the report.	Penmanship is somewhat neat in most of the report.	Penmanship is very difficult to read.
Student made an attempt to practice a strong voice, good stance, and eye contact with audience.	Student made an attempt most of the time to practice a strong voice, good stance, and eye contact with audience.	Student made little attempt to practice a strong voice, good stance, and eye contact with the audience.	Student made no attempt to practice a strong voice, good stance and eye contact with the audience.
During oral presentation, the student used language and story telling techniques that represented the time in history their story took place. Proper props were used during the presentation and dressed accordingly to the time period.	During oral presentation, the student used language and story telling techniques most of the time that represented the time in history their story took place. Proper props were used during the presentation and dressed accordingly to the time period.	During oral presentation, the student used very little language and story telling techniques that represented the time in history their story took place. Proper props were used during the presentation and dressed accordingly to the time period.	During oral presentation, the student did not use language and story telling techniques that represented the time in history their story took place. Proper props were used during the presentation and dressed accordingly to the time period.

## HISTORIC FICTION BOOK IDEA LIST

The First Dog, written and illustrated by Jan Brett

Sarah, Plain and Tall, written by Patricia MacLachlan

Many of Mary Pope Osborne's Magic Tree house books may be used as historic fiction. (ie: Mummies in the Morning, Pirates at Noon, etc).

Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House on the Prairie books.

The *Dear America* series has many historic fiction books to choose from.

You could go to a search engine on the internet and search for historic fiction for children.

You could go to a book store and explore what they offer.