

# *Because of Winn-Dixie*

## Multi-Genre Book Report

NOTE: This project will earn a TEST grade. Take the assignment seriously.

The steps you must follow to complete this assignment:

1. Think both critically and creatively. Begin by looking at the list of multi-genre elements on the back of this sheet. You will select **3 items** that have strong connections with the story's plot, characters, themes, setting, etc.
2. Allow time to check the correctness of your project's items. This includes spelling, capitalization, and the use of complete sentences.
3. On the last page of your project, you will write a personal reflection for each item in your project. (A reflection explains why you chose the item AND how that item connects to *Because of Winn-Dixie*.)
4. Compile all of your **FINAL DRAFTS** into a neat booklet. (A 3-prong folder works very well for this assignment. Or you can use staples...or yarn...to assemble your booklet.) Be sure the cover of your multi-genre book report includes
  - a. the title of the book that your report is about (*Because of Winn-Dixie*)
  - b. the author of the book (Kate DiCamillo)
  - c. your name
  - d. your class period
  - e. the date that you turn in your project

Grading Procedure:

<b>30 points for the 3 items</b>	Remember that there must be at least 3 different types of writing and/or illustrating. How well do your items relate to the book?
<b>20 points for your reflections</b>	Why did you select each type of writing and/or illustrating? What is the connection with the book? Is there also a connection with your life?
<b>10 points for the cover page</b>	You do not have to include an illustration on the cover. If you choose to do so, it will NOT count as one of your 3 items. There must be 3 items INSIDE your report.
<b>20 points for overall appearance</b>	Do a good job. Be careful that your final copies are done very neatly. If you are going to do drawings—so that the first draft may also be the final draft—be careful that you do not let the pages get bent or ruffled.
<b>20 points for mechanical accuracy</b>	Yes, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, etc. WILL count.

## Ideas for Multi-Genre Items

Select 3 items from this list of genres that you will include in your project. You do not have to follow these suggestions exactly, but you may if doing that will make your task easier. Some suggestions for *Because of Winn-Dixie* to get you thinking about your own project:

1. **Recipes:** Opal and Gloria Dump made egg salad sandwiches for the party. There are lots of recipes for egg salad. Do some research and write the recipe for at least one kind of egg salad. (If you want to get really fancy, you could create a recipe card and then write the final draft of your recipe on it.)
2. **Letter to a Character:** Opal really misses her mother; she does not remember having ever seen her mama. Toward the end of the book, Opal talks to her mama, even though her mama isn't really there with her. If Opal decided to write a letter to her mother in another year or two, what do you think she would have written? Write that letter.
3. **Comic Strip:** Imagine *Because of Winn-Dixie* is going to be rewritten as a graphic novel. (A graphic novel is like a comic book.) Choose one section (no bigger than one chapter) and draw the cartoons that will tell that part of the story. Remember to include the "bubbles" that graphic artists use to show the words each character is saying or thinking.
4. **Diary Entry:** Imagine you've found the diary that one of the characters keeps. (That might be Opal, Miss Franny Block, Gloria Dump, the preacher, Otis, or one of the other children.) Write one or two entries that you think that person might have written in his or her diary. Remember to give your entries dates. And remember that the story takes place during the summer.
5. **Script:** We know there was a party. And we know some of what was said among the people who were there. Do you think other conversations happened besides the ones that are in the book? Write a script that actors might follow as they interacted at that party. (If you choose this item, you will need to do some research to learn how to write a play's script.)
6. **Book Cover:** There are at least three book covers for this book. All of them include Winn-Dixie. Is there a way to draw a GOOD book cover for *Because of Winn-Dixie* that does not include him?
7. **Quiz:** If you were a teacher, which chapter do you think is the most important chapter in this book? Write a quiz that includes 5 questions AND correct answers for that chapter.
8. **Greeting Card:** Draw a greeting card that one character might send to another character in this book.
9. **Poem:** Write a poem about one of the characters OR about one of the scenes in the story.
10. **Word Search Puzzle:** Create a word search puzzle that includes at least 10 words and/or names that are associated with this story. You'll need two copies: one that could be copied for other people to work, and one copy on which you have marked the words/names on your list.

Remember, this project will be graded as a test. Take time to do a great job!!