

## Summer Reading Assignment to Go Along with *Tears of a Tiger* and *The Hobbit*

Directions: Your assignment is to design a poster to encourage others to read the novel AND to demonstrate that you have read the book. Your poster should be at least 16x20 inches or larger.

### English 9

Title: *Tears of a Tiger*

Author: Sharon M. Draper

### Honors English 9

*The Hobbit*

J.R.R. Tolkien

Below are the required elements and a rubric to help guide your creation. You should demonstrate creativity, neatness, and knowledge of the novel.

### Required Elements

1. **Quotations from book, explaining significance and meaning-** two quotes needed, how are these quotes important to the story? What do they mean to the readers?
2. **Pictures of characters and descriptive adjectives-** four characters needed, two adjectives to describe each character. You may draw stick figures, but add detail to them so that they can be told apart and be accurate to the novel.
3. **Symbols of importance and their meaning-** Two objects from the book that represent an idea. Describe how they add meaning to the novel. Do not just describe how that item is used in the story. *Ex. A sword in a story represents bravery. A bird can represent freedom.*
4. **Catchy expression-** a quick saying to get others to read the book
5. **Title, author, publisher, and year of publication**
6. **Drawings on the topic-** Put two key scenes from the novel on the poster, explain what is happening and how it is important.
7. **Short review of why others should read the book-** Three sentences long
8. **Theme Analysis- A one-sentence statement**
  - a. *Tears of a Tiger:* friendships, guilt and blame, choices and consequences- What is Sharon Draper teaching us about this theme?
  - b. *The Hobbit:* development of a hero, loyalty, corruption of wealth- What is J.R.R. Tolkien teaching us about this theme?

- **Making A Poster : Summer Reading Poster Rubric**

CATEGORY	10 Points	8 Points	5 Points	2 Points
<b>Quotations from the book</b>	Two quotations from the novel are selected and thoroughly explained.	Two quotations from the novel are selected and explained.	Two quotations from the novel are selected and barely explained.	One quotation from the novel is selected and explained.
<b>Characters and symbols</b>	Four characters are depicted in detail and explained with two adjectives each. Two symbols are represented and explained.	Four characters are depicted and explained with one or two adjectives each. Two symbols are represented and explained.	Three characters are depicted and explained with one or two adjectives each. Two symbols are represented.	One or two characters are depicted and explained with one adjective each. One symbol is represented.
<b>Catchy Expression, Book Information, and Illustrations of topic</b>	A creative, catchy expression is included with the author, publisher, and year of publication. Two key scenes from the novel are illustrated nicely and explained in detail.	A catchy expression is included with the author, publisher, and year of publication. Two key scenes from the novel are illustrated and explained.	A catchy expression is included with the author, publisher, and year of publication. One key scene from the novel is illustrated and explained.	A catchy expression is included with the author, publisher, and year of publication. One key scene from the novel is illustrated.
<b>Review and Theme</b>	Three to four sentence review of the novel and a strong, one sentence explanation of a theme.	Two to three sentence review of the novel and a one sentence explanation of a theme.	One to two sentence review of the novel and a one sentence explanation of a theme.	One sentence review of the novel and a weak, one sentence explanation of a theme.
<b>Creativity and Neatness</b>	The poster is exceptionally attractive in terms of design, layout, and neatness.	The poster is attractive in terms of design, layout and neatness.	The poster is acceptably attractive though it may be a bit messy.	The poster is distractingly messy or very poorly designed. It is not attractive.