

Bento Box Project — Part 1

It's time to wrap up that independent reading project you've been working on! Read over these directions carefully before starting!

This is called the Bento Box Project. It's a way for students to physically organize and decorate stories and themes that relate to the book, they read over the previous semester!



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Bento (弁当) is a Japanese term meaning a single portion. This is usually reserved for food, but the idea still stands. Bento boxes are ways for people to package awesome flavor and style all in a little decorated box. It's a single-serving meal that gives people a rich and carefully homemade bite of food made with a lot of love.

Your task with this assignment is to build a bento box for a book that you have read over the last semester. You're free to pick any book you wish from the independent reading project. Make sure you read the requirements below and take your time considering how you want to frame your shot. You might have to share the book covers with other students, so be prepared ahead of time to make sure you get all the points possible on your version of the project!

Instructions:

This project involves you designing a creative space and representation for your book.

When it's all finished, you'll take a picture of the finished project and present it to the class!

Don't forget; there is a Part 2 to this project! When you're finished, tell **TEACHER-NAME-HERE** ASAP!

What do I do?

You need to find objects in the real world that relate to the book somehow. This could include colors, pieces of clothing, food, toys, random objects, or natural elements. When you've assembled a fair number of things related to your story, you must take a

What do I need?

- Find objects that relate to the book as a whole, your characters, themes, conflicts, or other major elements of the story.
- Arrange them in a way so that everything is on display surrounding

picture of everything. Center the book on some sort of decorative space with the objects surrounding the cover, and take a picture!

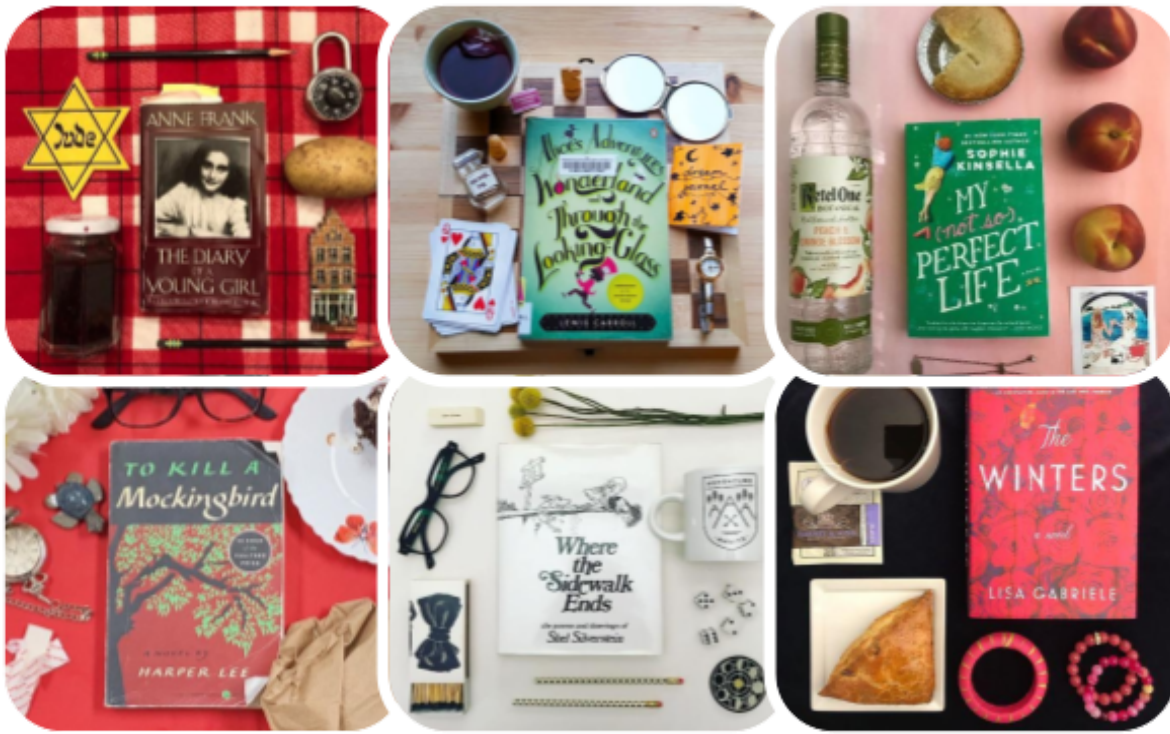
Try to have 5-10
objects/decorations around your
book!

the cover of your book. Have a unique background!

- Take a high-quality picture of your book, and follow the directions on the back of this paper to complete the project!

Bento Box Project – Part 1 Examples

Take a look at some of the examples below to get an idea of how to frame your shot!



Other Tips & Tricks:

Remember, if you need any extra help, you can always email **TEACHER — TEACHER-EMAIL@school.net**

If you're sharing the book with someone from another class, talk to **TEACHER NAME** ASAP! You need the book to shoot a photo!

- Take your picture in bright lighting, with a top-down perspective, so you can have the book center-of-frame and everything else surrounding it clear in sight.
- Don't be shy about re-taking the photo or re-arranging the objects you've selected for the book! Try multiple shots!
- Remember, objects that fit your book can be found anywhere. Look for candles, food, clothing, bizarre decorative objects, and random items around the house.
- Be creative! Take risks and try to create something artistic!
- Color coordination is also a neat idea! Try to stylize everything in

- Editing the photo is encouraged, but don't go crazy on contrast, filters, or other special effects. Keep it as clear as possible!
 - Try using a placemat, wallpaper, or other type of background that fits the style of your book! Decorate as much as possible!
 - Make sure you put effort into making it look clear and decorative, you want to sell this book as best you can!
- your picture around the primary colors found in the book!
- The book cover itself can give hints as to what you should keep an eye out for! Analyze the cover and use it as inspiration!
 - Remember, you need 5-10 objects to capture the original novel's ideas, themes, and style. You will have an extensive analysis and illustration portion for Part 2! Be prepared!