

Illegal by Bettina Restrepo

Multi-Modal Project Ideas

Objective: Take elements of the novel (diction, detail, historical background) and apply them to a creative project.

Directions: Select one project from the list below. You will be graded on the completeness of the assignment and attention to detail. A sloppy assignment may result in a low grade. Your project must be directly tied to the literature

The Journey of Nora

Create a comic book based on *Illegal*, stressing the novel's action and suspense. Focus on one of Nora's major events (the fight with the truck driver, discovery of her father's fate, the fight at the pool). Your comic may take on any style of art (from stick figures through Manga) and doesn't need to be inked (colored). You should have a few panels per page (less than a traditional comic to give you more room to work) or even one per page.

Picture That

Paint or sketch an illustration of the story's setting (Cedula, the apartment, the pool, the church, etc.) A descriptive excerpt of the setting from the poem should accompany your sketch (quotes from the novel) and your work should include several details from that account.

NorasJourney.com

Design a website for other students studying *Illegal*. You may create an actual website or provide a series of mockup pages showing both the visual and written contents of the site. The contents should contain your analysis and notes.

In the Mood

Imagine you are working for a director who plans to make a film adaptation of *Illegal*. She needs a soundtrack. Compose, select, or mix music for each of the epic's scenes and write a detailed plan for the soundtrack (the song should be at this point as Nora and Mama hide in the truck and so on). Include your motivation for choosing each song. Finally, design a cover for the soundtrack, listing the songs on the back and illustration on the front.

Trailer

Create a "trailer" using PowerPoint that explores one of the main characters in *Illegal*. (View this trailer for Macbeth as an idea: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Wa1N1VE1aA>)

Requirements

- 3-5 minutes (penalties for under or over); Give the production a "look" that fits the character; Incorporate the following, all centered on your character:
- 3-5 minutes of Music, preferably one song
- 3-5 Quotations from the text
- 2-3 Themes (both subjects and statements)
- 2-3 Visuals
- At the end, create 2 quick credits slides
 - Credits slide 1: list all the group members and their job
 - Credits slide 2: List all the documentation for each visual and the music/ sound

Transitions and animations should be subtle and enjoyable to look at, unless for a clear reason they should be shocking

Grading

- 50% of your grade will be an average of the grades assigned to you by your group members
- 25% will come from the presentation's meeting the requirements (quotes, music, etc.)
- 25% will come from the "wow" factor, the creativity demonstrated in this project