

Instructions for Project 1 - Book Float

Students will design a "book float" based on a recent book that they have completed. They will decorate the shoe box to go with the book and it will be like a float in a parade.

Materials needed by each student:

empty shoe box
construction paper or gift wrap paper
scissors
crayons
pencil
paper
miscellaneous natural materials (rocks, sand, evergreen clippings, etc., as needed)
other miscellaneous materials (craft sticks, etc., as needed)

Procedure:

Decorate an upside down shoe box to correspond with a scene from the book or the book's general theme (planets, pioneers, biography, horses, etc.) The students need to visualize this as a "float" in a parade—a book parade. Each project will be graded according to the following instructions and requirements:

1. All advertisement on the shoe box should be covered.
2. The title of the book should be neatly displayed on one side of the "float". This title should be written in correct form with the proper words capitalized and the whole title underlined (for example: Little House on the Prairie). The author's name should also be written after the title.
3. A neat and brief summary of the book should be on the other side of the "float".
4. The student's name should be written neatly on the back of the "float".
5. Natural materials or student-made decorations should be used to build the scene on the shoe box, not purchased materials like little cars, Indians, etc.