**ENG 2DI – Independent Novel Study Assignment**

After reading your novel, think about the different narrative elements and how they could transfer into a movie. You will then create a slideshow presentation to pitch your idea for adapting your novel into a movie to the class. You will also include a movie/book trailer to give your audience a visual of what this movie could look like. As an audience member, you will listen closely and decide which adaptations you would like to back financially and provide a rational for your chosen adaptations.

**Book Trailer – due Monday June 13**

**Purpose:** to demonstrate your understanding of the novel and your creativity through the creation of an effective media piece.

**Instructions:**

Using one of the suggested software programs, create a **60-90 second trailer to promote and sell your adaptation**.

Your media piece should capture what **is significant, unique, and interesting** about your novel, and should include:

* Important characters from your novel
* The setting (either visually or through words)
* Clips from 2-3 key scenes in the novel
* An overall mood that captures the mood in the novel – this can be done through lighting, colour, music…
* Text AND images to convey your ideas

The media piece should incorporate many layers in order to best engage the audience: **along with images**, **consider integrating video, text, voice over, sound effects, transitions, music, etc.**

Use one of the following to create a **60-90 second trailer**:

* iMovie, YouTube, Windows Movie Maker, Powtoon, Photo Story 3, We Video, Animoto, PowerPoint

**\*\*All video footage should be original (i.e. do not take footage from the Internet).\*\***

**Presentation – Tuesday June 14 – Thursday June 16**

**Purpose:** to engage your audience and inspire them to spend money adapting your novel to a film through an effective presentation

**Instructions:**

You will be given **6-8 minutes** to share your understanding of your novel to the class and persuade them to choose your novel for an adaptation. Use your time to discuss the following:

1. **Title** of novel and **author’s** name
2. Brief **plot summary**– it’s best if this is told in an interesting and enticing way – create suspense and intrigue
3. Description of **setting** and whether or not you will set your movie in the same place – explain where else you would prefer to set it and why if you’re changing the setting
4. **Characters** – identify 2-3 main characters and pitch potential actors to play these roles – explain why these actors would suit these roles based on CHARACTER TRAITS, not just appearance
5. **Two compelling reasons** why your book would make a good movie
6. Which **audience** this movie would be suited for - what type of person/age group would enjoy this movie?
7. Identify 1-2 **major themes** your novel deals with and explain how these themes develop throughout your novel🡪 remember, themes need to be stated as a sentence, not a topic
8. Include **5 significant quotations** from your novel somewhere in your presentation 🡪 these can demonstrate character traits, theme development, or something significant to the novel 🡪 you need to explain the significance of these quotations in your presentation as well
9. Share your **trailer** – integrate this smoothly into your presentation (do not just say, “and here’s my trailer”)

You are not expected to necessarily present each detail in that order. In fact, you are encouraged to creatively integrate these details into a unified presentation!

* Be VERY persuasive and convince your audience that this would be a worthy film to make!!

**Film Company – Active listening during presentations**

**Purpose:** to demonstrate active listening skills

**Instructions:**

On the days you are not presenting, you will demonstrate active listening skills and participate in presentations by playing the role of a production company executive looking to make money off the next big movie by being an Executive Producer.

* You are given $10 000 from your company and can split it between 3 different adaptations however you would like
* You need to submit a short reflection identifying your choice and justifying your spending by using specific details from the presentation