



MYSTERY BOOK PROJECT

This project is due Tuesday, January 23rd but may be handed in early if you finish.

First, choose a mystery chapter book. Do **not** choose a book, such as *Encyclopedia Brown*, that contains several short mysteries. If you have any questions about your book choice, ask Miss Williams.

After reading your book completely, you will create a Mystery Clue Box. The first thing you will need is a shoebox. If you cannot find a shoebox, you can use a regular box—not too big! You will need to cover your shoebox with white construction paper or printer paper. Next, follow these steps.

1. The lid of the box will be the cover. Include the title and author, as well as your own name. You may also draw a picture from the book.
2. On one of the side panels, draw a picture of the crime solver from your story. Write the character's name and two or three traits that make the character a good detective. If there is more than one detective, do this for each one.
3. On the other side panel, draw the suspects. Write each character's name. Tell what their motive might be or why they seem to be a suspect. Bonus: include any alibi a suspect has.
4. On one end of the box, state the mystery in the form of a question, such as "Who stole the Babe Ruth baseball?" You may draw a picture to go with the question if you like.
5. On the other end of the box, draw an important setting in the book and label it.
6. Next, put the evidence inside the box. Think of at least three clues your detective discovers. Find a small object to represent each one or draw pictures. You may also use pictures from magazines or other sources. Information from a witness can be a clue. Bonus: include and label red herring clues.
7. Last, write the solution on a card and put it in an envelope. Write "Solution" on the envelope. Make sure to tell who the culprit is and why they did it (motive.)

Bring your box to school on or before the due date. Be prepared to show your work to the class.

A few notes:

- Spelling counts!
- Use correct punctuation and capitalization.
- Make the box colorful and interesting.
- Take PRIDE in your WORK!