Book Expo Step-by-Step Guide for Parents and Students

This Book Expo guide is designed to support parents and students as they complete a reading fair project. The guide was originally developed by Ruth Thompson, the librarian at Della Davidson Elementary School in Oxford, MS.

Step-by-Step Guide FICTION
Step 1: Choose your book
Step 2: Bibliographic Information
Use the title page to identify the bibliographic information.
Title: Name of the book. Make sure the title is underlined or use italics if typing.
Author: The person who wrote the words or text in a book.
Illustrator: The person who contributed the pictures.
Publisher: The Company that printed and distributed the book.
Copyright Date: The year the book was published. Look for the © symbol in front of the date.
Step 3: Setting There are 2 parts to a book's setting. You must include both!
1. TIME
When did the story happen? Be specific!

2. PLACE

Where did the story take place? If the story takes place in more than one location, choose only
the most important place.
Step 4: Author's Purpose
Why did the author write the story?
To entertain (All fiction is written to entertain.)
To inform (Historical fiction informs.)
To persuade (Does the book inspire me to do or become something?)
A combination of the above
The author wrote the book
to
Step 5: Tone/Mood
How does the author want you to feel when you read the story? (e.g., Sad, happy, scared
curious)
The author wants the reader to feel
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Step 6: Main Characters

to describe the characters. Do not tell the story	in this step. Characters listed below must be
mentioned in the summary.	
Name:	<u> </u>
Short description:	
Name:	
Short description:	
Name:	
Short description:	
Step 7: Conflict	
What is the main problem in the story? Choose	e only one problem.
Step 8: Solution/Resolution	
How is the problem solved?	

Do not list more than three characters. Write a short description of each character. Use adjectives

Ste	p 9: Plot Summary
DC	NOT RETELL THE STORY!
Sur	nmarize what happened in the story. Be sure to include each main character you listed in Step
6.	

Step 10: Design Your Tri-fold Board

Congratulations! The hard part is over; now, the fun begins! Use the board provided for you by Miami Yoder School.

Carefully type or write the story elements in Steps 2 - 9. Be creative. For example, if your person is a football player, you might choose a font like "**Impact**".

PROPS

Props add interest but must fit in the middle of the display. No items can protrude from the back or top of the tri-fold board. Props can be battery-operated, but you cannot use electrical outlets and extension cords. Items cannot be alive, valuable, or dangerous. You do not have to display the book.

Step-by-Step Guide NON-FICTION

Step 1:	
Step 2:	Bibliographic Information
Use the	title page to identify the bibliographic information.
Title: N	ame of the book. Make sure the title is underlined or use italics if typing.
Author:	The person who wrote the words or text in a book.
Illustrat	or: The person who contributed the pictures.
Publishe	er: The Company that printed and distributed the book.
Copyrig	tht Date: The year the book was published. Look for the © symbol in front of the date.
Step 3:	My Predictions
	Based on what I already know about the topic of my book, I predict that I will learn the following:
	After reading my book, I predict that the following will happen next or as a result of this event:

5. Step 4: Information for Summary and Graphic Organizer
Fill in the blanks with facts from your book. You may not have information for every blank.
You do not have to fill in the blanks if the information is not in your book.
Topic:
Important details:
Important events:
Jobs or careers related to topic:
Inventions/Contributions:
Problems:
The world changed because:

Other information I want to include in my summary or graphic organizer:
Step 5: Graphic Organizer
A graphic organizer is a visual display or picture of information. You MUST include a graphic organizer summarizing the events in your person's life. Use the information gathered from Step 4. Have fun and be creative! Some internet sites that have printable graphic organizers are listed below. If you need more ideas to create your graphic organizer, ask your teacher. Read Write Think http://readwritethink.org/materials/bio_cube edHelper http://www.edhelper.com/teachers/graphic_organizers
The Houghton Mifflin Education Place http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer
Education Oasis http://www.educationoasis.com/curriculum/graphic_organizers Step 6: Summary DO NOT RETELL THE STORY!
Summarize what happened in the story. Use the information from Step 4 to write a brief summary of your non-fiction text

Choose one or more of the following ways you feel connected to the person in your biography.
Text - Self
I can identify with this topic, because it reminds me of when I
Text - Text
My reminds me of the book by
(Title of the book) (Author)
because
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What is the genre of your selected text? Use a complete sentence.
1. Instructional: Describes how something is done or made.
2. Explanatory: Tells what happened or how something works, with defined reasons. 3. Report:
Tells how things are discovered.
4. Discussion: Looks at both sides of an idea and makes a decision.
5. Opinion: Decides on a point-of-view and has reasons to support the view.
6. Relate: Retells the information or events for an audience.
Step 10: Follow–up Questions
After reading this book, I would like to ask
(Author of my book)
the following questions about (Topic of my book)
(Topic of my book)
1?
2?
Step 11: Design Your Tri-fold Board

Congratulations! The hard part is over; now, the fun begins! Use a standard tri-fold project board that unfolds to be 36" H x 48" W. The sides fold in to make the board stand by itself. After you fold the sides in, the final project cannot exceed 36"W x 14"D x 36"H.

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