PUZZLE PIECE MYSTERY BOOK PROJECT

Mystery stories are written puzzles made for a reader. To complete this project, you will make a nine-piece puzzle that gives the reader clues about the story you have read independently. You will share this project with a small group of students in class and evaluate each other.

Materials Needed
Puzzle pieces
Coloring pencils or markers
Tag board

Procedure

1. Number your pieces 1–9.

2. On piece #1 should be a creative display of the title and author of the book as well as your name.

3. Piece #2 should tell the reader about the main character and secondary characters in your book as well as include a picture of the main character.

4. Piece #3 should tell the reader about the setting of the book.

5. Piece #4 should tell the reader the problem of the book.

6. Piece #5 should tell the reader about the main events of the book.

7. Piece #6 should tell the reader about the climax of the book.

8. Piece #7 should tell the reader three clues about the problem of the book.

9. Piece #8 should give a hint of the solution of the problem but not give away the ending.

10. Piece #9 should be your personal rating of the book.

11. Put your pieces together on a large piece of tagboard. Decorate the edges in the theme of your book.

Rubric for Student Assessment

Factor	Number of points
Piece #1 creatively displays the title, author, and student name. (maximum = 3)	
Piece #2 tells the reader about the main character and secondary characters in the book as well as includes a picture of the main character. (maximum = 3)	
Piece #3 tells the reader about the setting of the book. (maximum = 3)	
Piece #4 tells the reader the problem of the book. (maximum = 3)	
Piece #5 tells the reader about the main events of the book. (maximum = 3)	
Piece #6 tells the reader about the climax of the book. (maximum = 3)	
Piece #7 tells the reader three clues about the problem of the book. (maximum = 3)	
Piece #8 gives a hint about the solution of the problem but does not give away the ending. (maximum = 3)	
Piece #9 gives a personal rating of the book. (maximum = 3)	
Give a score for conventions (6+1 Trait® Writing). (maximum = 5)	
Give a score for presentation. (maximum = 5)	

Total Score (maximum = 37): _____