**Independent Project Ideas: AMERICAN LITERATURE**

Each quarter, your project should reflect about 8-10 hours of work – less than an hour per week, but overall enough time to create a creative, thoughtful, and complete project to share your own insights and interests with the world. You will work on the project mostly outside of school, but if you finish your classwork early, you can use the remaining time to do independent projects.

\* If you choose to do a bigger/more-involved project, it can span more than one quarter. If the project so requires, you may work in a pair or group.

**Project Ideas:**

* Community Service and Written Reflection
* World Report: follow a news story across time as the event unfolds and analyze how it is reported on in different sources, analyze how media influences the event
* Research a topic/person/decade in history that you are interested in
* Independent Reading Book and Report
* Performance Art (theater, comedy, music, spoken–word poetry)
* Puppet Show for Del Mar Elementary School students
* Write a book of poetry, a play, a novel, short stories, a script, articles
* Do an experiment and write it up
* Teach yourself a new skill and record the experience
* Write and illustrate a children’s book

**Final Presentation Formats:**

* Independent Book Jacket & Additional Chapter/Alternate Ending
* Persuasive Essay
* Research Report
* Create your own Magazine
* Creative Writing Piece
* Teach a lesson to the class
* Presentation with posters or PowerPoint
* Final video essay/documentary (with research and video interviews)
* Throw an Event (festival, fundraiser, art show, performance)
* Public Service Announcement