

# 8 GREAT FINAL PROJECTS FOR ANY NOVEL STUDY

**1. Write a future letter** from one of the characters in the book to another character in the book or another person.

Touching Spirit Bear  
example: Write a letter from Cole to another teen going through Circle Justice.

**2.** For each chapter, **write a 6-word summary**. Choose your words carefully so they have maximum impact! Single words, phrases, and sentences are all ok.

**3. Re-write the climax** from the point of view of a different character- not the protagonist. It can be the antagonist, another major character, or even a minor character.

**4. Write the epilogue** of the story- 1 year, 10 years, or 20 years after the end. Describe what the main character is doing, what he or she has done since the end of the novel, what he or she is like, and what his or her interests are.

**5. Write a series of letters, emails, or texts** between yourself and a friend, discussing what happened in the book and what it made you think about. Include your feelings, your connections, and information from the book to drive your dialogue.

**6.** Choose 10 – 12 characters from the book, and write a 2 – 3 sentence statement from them **imagining how they would respond to a controversial statement**. Touching Spirit Bear example: *Juvenile delinquents, like Cole Matthews, are incapable of change and will always be a danger to society.* Answer as: Cole, Peter, Garvey, Edwin, Mom, Dad, Cole's lawyer, Peter's lawyer, Rosey, the guard, the Spirit Bear.

**7.** As a reporter, **write an interview** of the protagonist and another prominent character. Ask at least 10 thought provoking questions that either one of both of the characters will answer. Thought provoking questions should be open-ended, not right-there.

**8. Personify an object** from the story, and have it summarize the novel from its own point of view. Touching Spirit Bear example: the Circle Justice feather, the totem Cole carved, Cole's ancestor rock, the atóow, or the Spirit Bear could describe Cole's journey and change.

Full-length novel studies on Touching Spirit Bear and Bud, Not Buddy can be found at <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/That-Rocks-Math-Science-And-El>

**Clip art border “little lines” provided by:**

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/The-Spanish-Senorita>