

Book Project “Ethnic Diversity in USA”

Win the “ Anna Freud English Book
Award 2016”

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1. Timetable

Date	Content
April to May (25 th)	Ethnic diversity in USA <ul style="list-style-type: none">- African Americans- Hispanics- Aftermath of 9/11- USA after financial crisis 2008
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Final preparation book project- presentation
June/July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Final semester project / project with Swedish class

Book project's goals

- overview on how different authors deal with semester's topic
- text analysis
- speaking skills
- giving one's opinion in a convincing way
- winning the “Anna Freud English Book Award” on best suitable novel dealing with Ethnic Diversity in USA

3. Organization

- Groups of 3 reading one book
- While reading take notes on:
 - the theme
 - the story/plot
 - the author / narrator / characters
 - striking stylistic features
- AND on the ways the novel can be linked with the semester's topic "Ethnic diversity in USA"

3. Organization

- **1st presentation** in class: Gallery Walk
- **2nd presentation** (Gallery Walk with 5 min speech) with a jury (Grundkurs 12 from Mr. Polifka) deciding which book is the most suitable one dealing with our semester's topic
- Win the Award and vouchers for the movies for your group

4. Results: while-reading

- every student has to keep a *Reading Journal*
- each group has to take notes on the four aspects:
plot, narrator/characters, language
(+ giving text references/examples)
- ❖ handing in Reading Journal = obligatory
- ❖ other notes are optional: extra individual points

4. Results: post-reading

- Gallery Walk: create a poster with your results
- Jury presentation: prepare a short speech of 5 minutes presenting the strongest arguments supporting your poster

5. Evaluation

- Individual mark: Reading Journal (perhaps further notes)
- Poster **must** contain:
 - short summary
 - results of all four aspects
 - text passages
- Poster **can** be
 - handmade
 - digital
 - can have visual aids (pictures, drawings etc.)

6. Book Choice

1. What is your favourite first sentence and why?
2. Match the sentences with the book titles.
3. At home do some research on the eligible books and make a preliminary selection.

The Reluctant Fundamentalist

Americanah

Monster

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

The House on Mango Street

The Namesake

“I was born with water on the brain.”

“ Excuse me, sir, but may I be of assistance?”

“The best time to cry is at night, when the lights are out and someone is being beaten up and screaming for help.”

“Princeton, in the summer, smelled of nothing, and although Ifemelu liked the tranquil greenness of the many trees, the clean streets and stately homes, the delicately overpriced shops and the quiet, abiding air or earned grace, it was this, the lack of a smell, that most appealed to her, perhaps because the other American cities she knew well had all smelled distinctly.”

„We didn't always live on Mango Street.“

„ON A STICKY AUGUST EVENING two weeks before her due date, Ashima Ganguli stands in the kitchen of a Central Square apartment, combining Rice Krispies and Planters peanuts and chopped red onion in a bowl.“