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Plastic bags ban the right way to go



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Toronto has become the first major city in Canada to ban retailers from offering plastic bags as of Jan. 1, 2013.

Mayor Rob Ford has described the ban as "the dumbest thing council has done."

Ford is living in the past. The surprise bag ban may have come as a big surprise to many, but, it is a major step in the right direction.

Many other cities around the world have similar bans and according to available reports the ban is working fine.

Now if only major cities in the world like Bombay in India and Beijing in China would

do the same, our world and particularly our environment will be much better and safer.

Today, more than 80 per cent of groceries are packed in plastic bags.

Plastic bags are cheap to produce and they are also sturdy.

However, once these same plastic bags are used and empty, they end up in landfill sites. You can also sometimes see these plastic bags stuck on trees and floating in rivers.

It is estimated consumers use between 500 billion and one trillion plastic bags per year.

Many countries around the world have started taking drastic steps to ensure plastic bags don't end up in landfill sites.

Initially, many grocery chains in Canada started charging a small fee for plastic bags.

Walk into any grocery store today and you are bound to see a lot of people using cloth bags to carry their groceries home.

Environmentalists in Canada have been the first to praise the action taken by Toronto city council.

The Toronto council voted 27 to 17 to make the prohibition effective Jan. 1 next year.

Ford may think the ban is ludicrous. He should get the water he is drinking tested.

The ban shows the Toronto city council is making a significant change and leadership role in protecting the environment. The same city council introduced the bag fee in 2009 as a way to reduce number of bags ending up in landfill sites.

Many cities across North America are following suit.

Some Canadian court will eventually file a lawsuit. We will see what happens. In

the meantime, the ban on plastic bag will encourage shoppers to use bags made of cloth which can be used over and over again or to use bags made of biodegradable materials.

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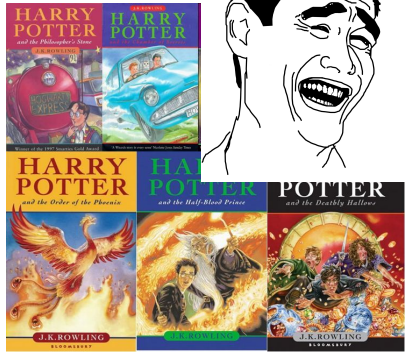
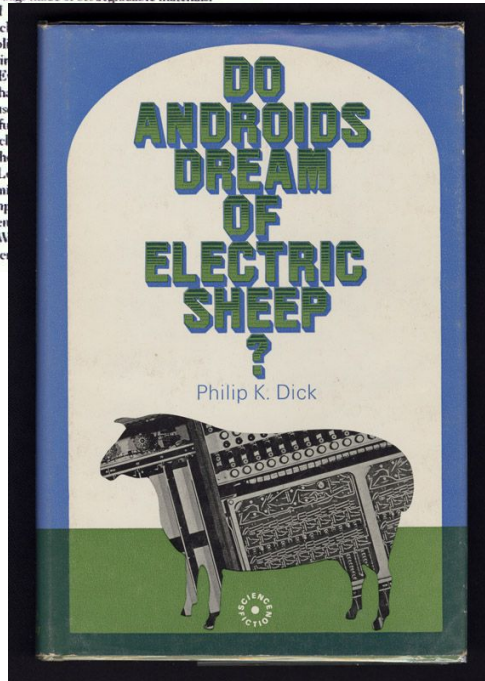
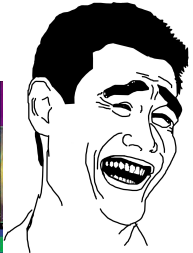
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FICTION

CREATE A PODCAST

Record yourself discussing key ideas in the text.

ADD A PAGE

Imagine if there was one more page at the end of your text.

Write a an extra page that continues on from the novel.

PERSUADE THE AUTHOR

Write a letter to the author of your text convincing them either:

- i) Write a sequel
- ii) Never write a novel again

CAST YOUR ACTORS

Imagine that your text was being turned into a film. Which famous actors would star in each role? Explain your choices.

CHANGE THE TITLE

Change the title of your text and explain your decision.

CREATE A FRONT COVER

Draw a new front cover for your novel.

MAKE A LINK

Choose a moment from your text that you can personally relate to and explain this.

CREATE SOME BLACK OUT POETRY

Choose a page from your text and create a black out poem.

Hints: Find out what black out poetry is [here](#)

GET CREATIVE

Take a character from your text and write a short story about them in a completely different world and time.

Hints: Imagine your character went back in time to Ancient Egypt or to the future to the year 3000, how would they react?

TURN IT INTO A COMIC

Pick a key scene from your text and turn it into a one page comic book.

COMPARE and CONTRAST

Compare (find the similarities) and contrast (find the differences) between your text and another text of your choice.

Hints: You can use a Venn diagram

WRITE A SCHOOL REPORT

Imagine a character from your text went to Surf Coast Secondary College. Write a report from all their teachers.

NON FICTION

WRITE A REVIEW

Write a review being critical of the text. You are to highlight what is good about it and what is not good about it.

COMPLETE A DOUBLE ENTRY JOURNAL

Use the [double entry journal template](#) to record information and your thought about a text.

TAKE THE TOPIC

Take the main topic from the text you read and write a 1 page story.

Hints: You can use this [narrative structure](#).

MAKE A PODCAST

Record yourself explaining what the text is about, and adding your opinions and knowledge.

QUOTE IT

List 5 of the most important quotes from the text. Choose the most important and justify your decision.

50 WORDS

Summarize the content of the text using EXACTLY 50 words. Not 51, not 49, exactly 50!

WRITE AN OPINION PIECE

Take an idea presented in the text and write a persuasive piece convincing your readers of your contention and opinion.

MAKE IT A STORY

Take an idea, person or event from the piece of writing and make your own short story.

MAKE A POSTER

Using an app of your choice take the information presented in the text and create a poster to communicate the main ideas.

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Dear Ms. Roth,

I am writing to suggest to you politely that you never write a trilogy again. Although i thoroughly enjoyed both Divergent and Insurgent, all pleasure and enjoyment i had from reading these was torn away swiftly when i read, or should i say attempted to read Allegiant. This cannot happen again.

I gave you my time, my emotions and my heart when reading the first two books. I fretted with Tris and connected with her as she felt huge amounts of confusion as she questioned where she belonged. I felt the physical pain of training, the gut wrenching feeling of facing fear and the excitement of revolution and the possibility to overthrow the evil.

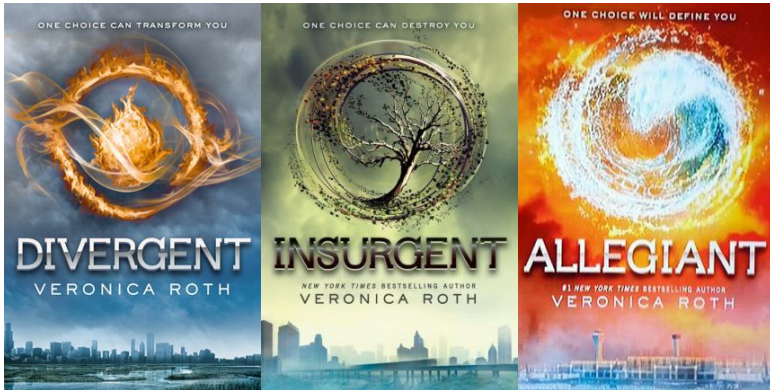
But this stopped abruptly.

The third book was dismal. I was confused when you suddenly changed the point of view of the novel, moving between characters points of view suddenly. You suddenly pulled the novel into a new world where everything i knew before was turned into a lie. How could their world be fake? Did you plan this from the start?

And finally, you know what i am going to raise now. I won't write it, in case this letter comes into the hands of something who hasn't finished the series. You know what i am talking about. This is something author's just don't do.

I am not okay with it. Please refrain from writing novels again.

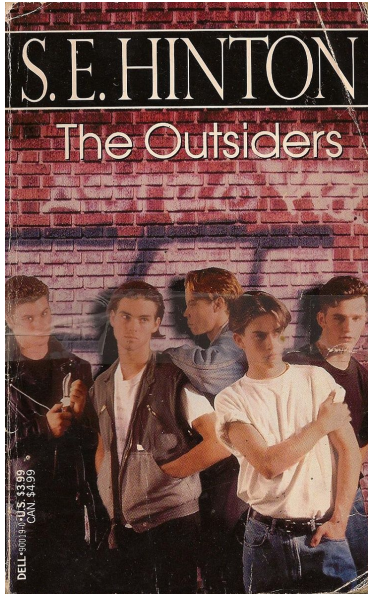
Disrespectfully,
Lara Alexander



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was as white as a ghost. His breath was coming in smothered gasps. Two-Bit knew better than to scare Johnny like that. I guess he'd forgotten. He's kind of scatterbrained. Johnny opened his eyes and said weakly, "Hey, Two-Bit."

Two-Bit messed up his hair. "Sorry, kid," he said, "I forgot."

He climbed over the chair and plopped down beside Marcia. "Who's this, your great-aunts?"

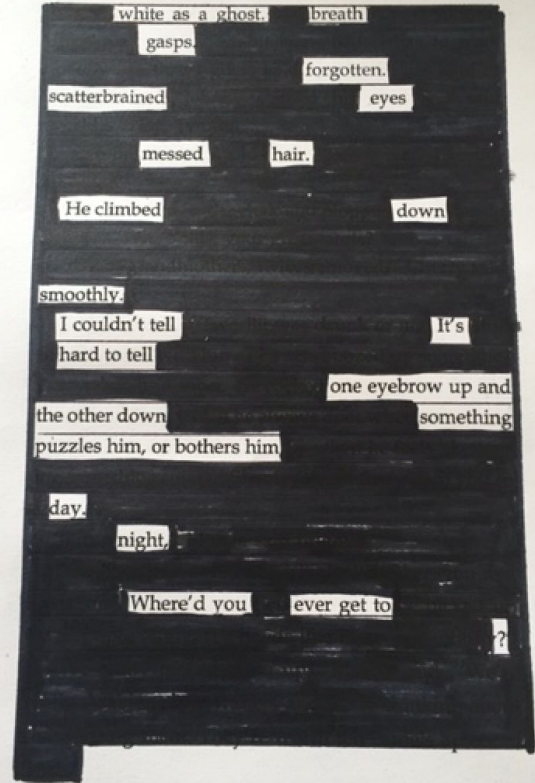
"Great-grandmothers, twice removed," Cherry said smoothly.

I couldn't tell if Two-Bit was drunk or not. It's kind of hard to tell with him—he acts boozed up sometimes even when he's sober. He cocked one eyebrow up and the other down, which he always does when something puzzles him, or bothers him, or when he feels like saying something smart. "Shoot, you're ninety-six if you're a day."

"I'm a night," Marcia said brightly.

Two-Bit stared at her admiringly. "Brother, you're a sharp one. Where'd you two ever get to be picked up by a couple of greasy hoods like Pony and Johnny?"

"We really picked them up," Marcia said. "We're really Arabian slave traders and we're thinking about shanghaiing them. They're worth ten camels apiece at least."



Before

After

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AFL news: Western Bulldogs captain Bob Murphy to play on next year

June 7, 2016

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READING JOURNAL

Use this template for every chapter of the book you are reading. IT will help you understand, remember and extend yourself!

New words to look up later:

Ruptured: The act of breaking or bruising.

underestimated: To estimate (guess) lower than would be correct.

Immeasurable: incapable of being measured.

Holistically: Incorporating all parts

Summary:

What happens in the text?

This newspaper article found on [theage.com.au](#) on June 17th 2016 reports on Western Bulldogs captain Bob Murphy's return to football in 2017.

It begins by explain Murphy's injuries and the impact this had on him and the club. It continues to announce that Murphy feels he has unfinished business and will return after healing.

The club, fans and Murphy are excited about the future of the Western Bulldogs.

Questions I have about the text:

Why was Brendan McCartney Sacked?

What impact will Murphy's return have on the club?

Important quotes:

"Popular Western Bulldogs captain Bob Murphy will play on next year."

"I feel like I can get back to playing good footy, and I still feel like I've got something to offer. I miss it, I miss playing with those boys."

"It was welcome news for everyone at the club."

A picture to represent the text:

