

Cuckoo's Nest Team Presentations



Let's fly a bit east and then a bit west and then a bit deeper into *Cuckoo's Nest*. Each team will be responsible for one of the four main parts of the novel as well as a character and other literary elements. As with past team presentations, divide and conquer so all team members may contribute, dig deep into details, provide plenty of text support (especially "Loud Lines"), and tie it all back to an interpretation of theme.

Each team should provide the following:

- Plot Summary of your part of the novel (At least 5 major plot points)
- Detailed description of your character's traits, tendencies, behaviors, strengths, weaknesses, morality, etc. (Bullet points okay)
- Character graph of one of your character's major traits over time
- Metaphor for your character
- Two (2) Loud Lines w/explanation regarding your part of the plot
- Two (2) Loud Lines w/explanation regarding your character
- One (1) NEW tidbit, fun-fact about Ken Kesey or institutions/treatments

**** Each team must also address one (1) of these themes/ideas as it relates to your part of the plot, your character, or any other element:**

- Good vs. Evil
- Individual Freedom vs. Conformity
- External vs. Internal Oppression
- Nature vs. Mechanization/Structure/Uniformity
- Exits: Who exits and how do they get out? (Hint: Billy, Cheswick, RPM all exit.)

Team 1 – Part 1:

- Chief: Point of view. Reliability/insight. What's sane/insane? +/- outlook?
- Title of the novel
- Children's Rhyme
- Fog imagery

Team 2 – Part 2:

- Chief: Heritage/Family. Relationship w/whites. Nature vs. Technology. "Vanishing American")
- Size
- Machinery (Imagery. Combine. Control Panel. "Rage against the machine" ...)

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Team 3 - Part 3:

- Nurse Ratched
- Animal Imagery: Rabbits/Wolves. Pecking Party. Geese. Dog.

Team 4 - Part 4:

- Randal Patrick McMurphy
- Gender portrayals: Men/Women & power. Options for each as portrayed by Kesey.

NOTE: There will be two (2) days for prep work and two (2) days of presentation. We will begin the first presentation day with each group walking through their plot summary. We will then circle back and address each team's other elements.

YOUR NOTES: