More Artsteps ideas:

Character Exhibitions:

Have students create virtual galleries dedicated to characters from a novel or play.

Each exhibit can feature character profiles, quotes, and visual representations. Students can also upload dramatic readings/recordings of dialogue and narration from the chosen work, as well as videos of live readings or performances featuring their chosen character from staged versions of a play. All of this multimedia is compatible with the Artsteps program!

Encourage students to analyze character development and motivations through their exhibition design. Ask them to make the atmosphere/aesthetic of their museum embody the traits of their chosen character.

Literary Time Travel:

Task students with exploring setting in greater detail. Ask them to take a deep dive into the setting of a work of literature by creating a digital space that presents social and historical context that may have informed the author's work. For example, asking students to study statistics about the living conditions of the working poor in Victorian London and then arranging and presenting this information via Artsteps is a great way for students to orient themselves to a particular historical period or political movement associated with the literature we teach. Moreover, Artsteps' ability to create easily navigable 3D spaces scaffolded with multimedia helps students more fully immerse themselves in the literature from a period or movement they may be unfamiliar with.

Book Cover Redesign:

This is a fun one: Try challenging students to design virtual exhibitions showcasing redesigned book covers for literary works.

After reading the text as a class and discussing the major themes of the work, task students with redesigning the cover to reflect these themes. Conversely, you could ask students to hone their creative skills and redesign the cover of their favorite book—all while encouraging them to imbue their redesigned covers with personal touches and their favorite elements from the work. With minimal prep time, you could upload scanned images or pdfs of their redesigned covers to an accessible, beautifully designed virtual museum space (If time commitment is an issue, don't worry. Artsteps also has templates in which you can simply upload files to a pre-made virtual museum space).

Each exhibit can include the redesigned cover, along with students' explanations of design choices and thematic connections to the text. This project can culminate in a virtual gallery walk where each student's work is put on display. Students feel empowered and part of a larger community of readers when they see their work on display in this virtual setting.

Poetry Showcases:

Task students with curating virtual poetry showcases featuring works from different poets or poetic movements.

Each exhibit can include audio recordings of poems, visual interpretations, and explanations of poetic techniques. Great for generating content for and excitement around poetry jams or in-class poetry readings!

Virtual Storytelling:

Encourage students to create immersive storytelling experiences inspired by literature.

They can develop interactive narratives, incorporating elements of plot, character, and setting from their favorite stories. Though Artsteps is primarily used in archival and presentation contexts, its tool palette contains enough customizable assets that students can create fairly sophisticated exhibitions that would highlight plot, character, and setting elements of the literature.

Virtual Book Clubs:

Facilitate virtual book club discussions by having students create interactive exhibitions for assigned reading selections.

Each exhibit can serve as a platform for sharing insights, posing discussion questions, and fostering literary analysis. Essentially, the exhibit could serve as a space where students could reflect on the themes of the literature in a low stakes, virtual environment and try out ideas they may not feel comfortable exploring in class. And of course, you can adjust these projects and activities to various grade levels and levels of rigor to meet your students' needs and your own needs as educators.

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