

8th Grade Summer Reading



In 8th Grade Language Arts, many of our units involve everyday heroes. For your summer reading selection, you will be required to read ONE novel that contains a character that turns out to be an EVERYDAY HERO.

The concept of an everyday hero is that an ordinary person or character does an extraordinary thing at some point throughout their life. Countless books fall into this category. Talk with your Language Arts teacher, or Librarian for suggestions.

Complete ONE of the activities below after reading your book. All work is due the FIRST day of school!

1. Choose **THREE** lines of dialogue that represent important moments in your novel. Be sure to list chapters and page numbers as references. Draw or use pictures from the Internet or magazines to illustrate the moments the lines of dialogue represent. Then, explain why **EACH** line of dialogue was significant to the development of the plot.
2. Design a book jacket for your novel which should include at least **THREE** images that represent important scenes from the story. On the **FRONT COVER**- Include images, the title, and author. On the **INSIDE**- Write a summary of the novel in at least 2 paragraphs. Don't give away the ending! On the **BACK**- Give 4 reasons why students your age should read your book.
3. Make a PowerPoint about your novel. Be sure to explain the characters, setting, conflict, theme, and **ONE** interesting scene (don't give away the climax or the ending!). Use at least **5 slides** and **5 images** that you think represent important ideas from your novel. The pictures should be representations, not exact images from your novel.
4. Summarize each chapter in **2-3 sentences** each. Be sure to answer the questions who, what, when, where, why, and how for each chapter. You may include pictures with each chapter.