



Dear Seventh Grader,

Congratulations on completing the seventh grade and welcome to 8th Grade!

Assignment # 1

The summer reading assignment will involve reading **one (1) book from the list provided below.**

Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson

Trials of Apollo (Book One: The Hidden Oracle) by Rick Riordan

Assignment # 2

Based on the story you chose, you will create a crossword puzzle using ideas from the book. You need at least 20 words. You can use Canva.com or any other free site that allows you to create the crossword puzzle. Also, be sure to provide an answer key.

Assignment #3

Be sure the ELA tests in the TACHS book (It can be from any TACHS book; if you have already been working on it for a TACHS prep class be sure to bring it in so that I can give you credit).

****All students must complete this "One-Pager" for the REQUIRED BOOK****

A "One-Pager" is a single-page response that shows your understanding of a piece of text you have read, be it a poem, novel, chapter of a book, or any other literature. It is a way of making a representation of your individual, unique understanding. It is a way to be creative and experimental. It is a way to respond to your reading imaginatively and honestly. The purpose of a "One-Pager" is to own what you are reading since we read differently when we know we are

going to do something with the text that we have read. We learn best when we are able to create our own patterns!

What To Do:

- Be sure to put the title of the text you're responding to somewhere on the page where the reader will notice it. (This is required.)
- Pull out one or more "notable quotes" or phrases that jump out at you, make you think or wonder, or remind you of something. Write them down anywhere on your page. Use different colors and/or writing styles to individualize each "quote" or phrase.
- Use a visual image, either drawn, printed out, or cut out from a magazine, which creates a visual focus. These pictures need to illustrate what pictures you have in your mind from reading.
- Make a personal statement about what you have read. What did it mean to you personally? What is your opinion, final thought, big question or personal connection?
- Ask a question or two and answer it.
- Create it in such a way that your audience will understand something about the literature from your "One-Pager."
- Be sure to hand write this assignment.

What Not To Do:

- Don't merely summarize. You're not retelling the story.
- Don't use lined paper, to keep from being restricted by lines.
- Don't think a half a page will do. Make it rich with "quotes" and images. FILL THE PAPER UP!

Below are some examples:


WILLIAM

BLOOD

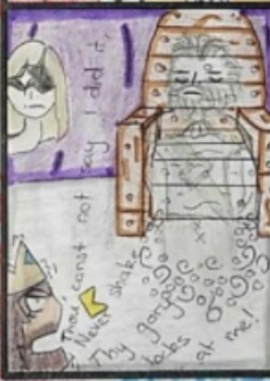
DACHER

MURDER

OUT DAMNED SPOT!
 OUT T' SAY ONE,
 TWO. WHY
 THEN 'TIS TIME
 TO DOT



Macbeth



They can't not say I did it

They can't not shake their heads at me!

They can't not look at me!

QUOTES FROM *MACBETH*

HAMILTON

TAKE A BREAK

Macbeth is Banquo's different Macduff

They call me Macbeth, but that is my folly

Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow creeps in the petty pace even day to day I that will understand the rest of it

DOUBLE, DOUBLE TILT & TROUBLE

WITCHES FIRE BURN & CHILDREN BUBBLE

SHAKESPEARE

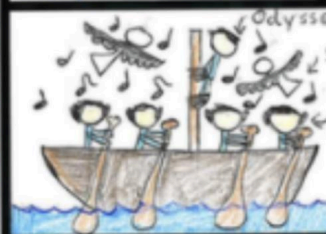
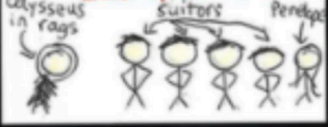
The Odyssey: Epic Hero

"Possesses SUPERHUMAN strength, craftiness, and confidence"

Odysseus was very strong and was able to stab the Cyclops in the eye. He was smart enough too to not kill the Cyclops so they could escape.



Odysseus was using his craftiness by disguising as an old man instead of revealing himself and getting killed by all the suitors.



Odysseus acted like an epic hero when he made sure all his crew was safe from the Sirens. He made sure that he listened to Circe's warning. I think it represents his trust in others.

"We beached there, and I told the crew to stand by and keep watch over the ship; as for myself I took my 12 best fighters and went ahead" (pg. 326)

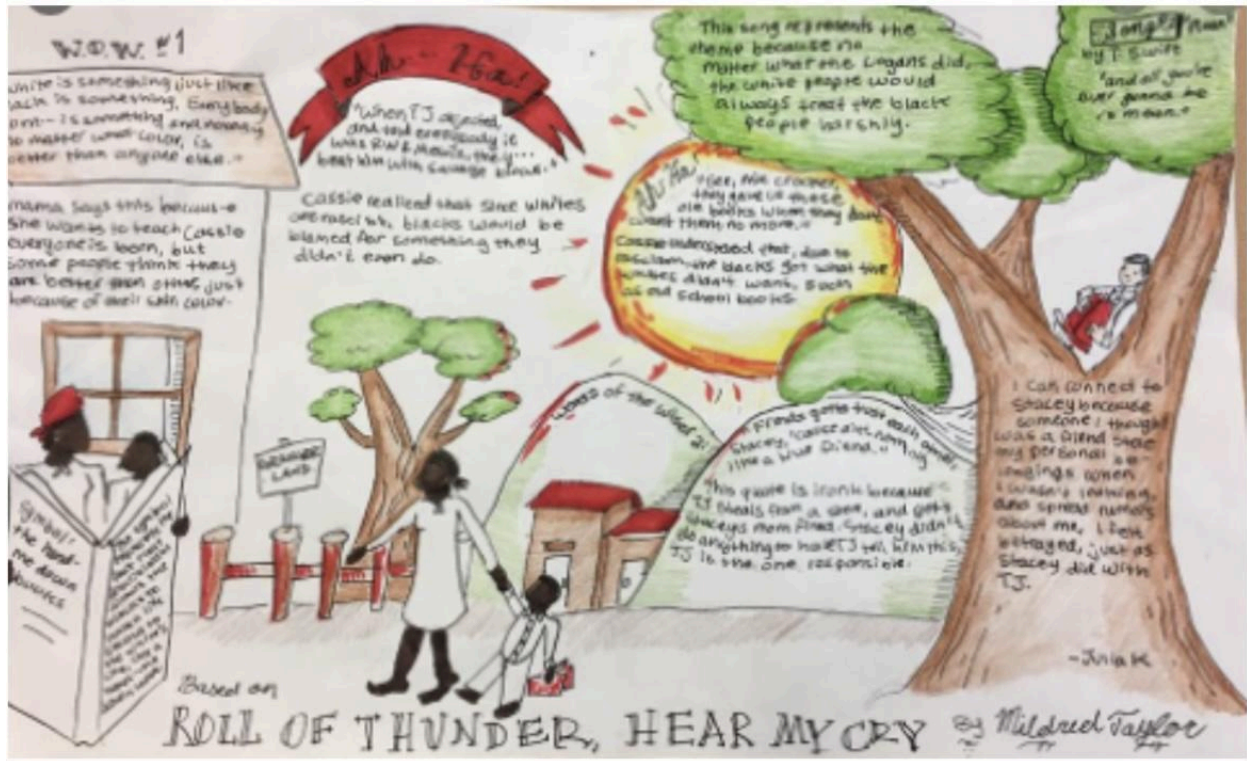
"Eurylochus tells Odysseus what has happened and begs not to sail away from Circe's island. Against this advice, however, Odysseus rushes to save his men from the enchantress." (pg. 327)

"You dared bid for my wife while I sat giv'g alone. Contempt was all you had for the gods who rule wide heaven, contempt for what men say of you here after. Your last hour has come." (pg. 409)



"Helped or harmed by gods or fate"

"Embodies qualities valued by the culture"



Have a good summer!

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