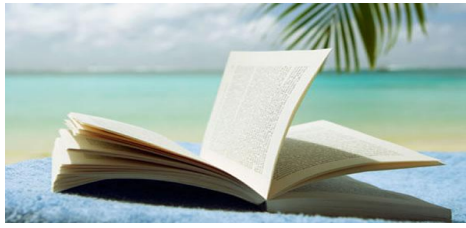


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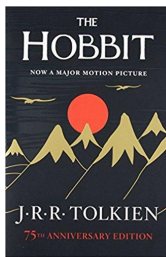


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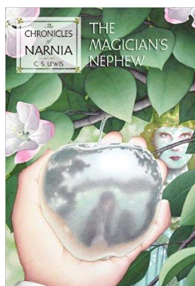
Welcome to 8th Grade English! I am so excited to meet you in August, and I hope you have a sweet, relaxing summer. Before I get to see you face-to-face, I would love you to choose **one** of the book options below and complete the **assignment** detailed on the next page. You may choose to read *The Hobbit*, *The Magician's Nephew*, a book in the *Percy Jackson* book series (if you have already read the first book, choose the next book in the series that you haven't read), or you may choose either a book in *The Giver* quartet (if you have already read *The Giver*, choose the next book in the series that you haven't read) or *Gossamer*, both by Lois Lowry.

Reading Choices:

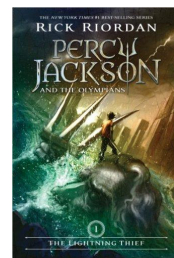
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien



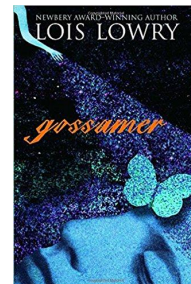
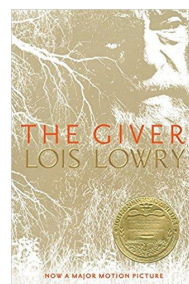
The Magician's Nephew by C.S. Lewis



Any book in the *Percy Jackson* series by Rick Riordan



Any book in *The Giver* Quartet, or *Gossamer* by Lois Lowry



Assignment:

Write a two paragraph response to the book you have chosen for Summer reading discussing an “unlikely hero” that you saw in your reading. In the first paragraph, define what you believe an “unlikely hero” is. Make sure to include your thesis statement explaining what character you believe to be an unlikely hero. Please **underline** your thesis statement! In the second paragraph, describe the character and explain how they are an “unlikely hero” based on evidence (their actions, words, or responses throughout the story) from the book.

Here are the requirements for the written response:

- ☐ 2 typed paragraphs
- ☐ Thesis statement in the first paragraph (last sentence in the paragraph), **underlined**
- ☐ Typed in Times New Roman, 12pt font
- ☐ Put your full name and a title at the top of the page
- ☐ Print your two paragraph response
- ☐ Finally, fill out and print the **Parental Confirmation** sheet

Rubric for written response:

Advanced (100-90)	Proficient (89-80)	Basic (79-70)	Below/Far Below Basic (69-0)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Insightfully addresses all aspects of the promptIntroduces topic(s) in a sophisticated thesis statementThoroughly develops response with ample, specific support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Competently addresses all aspects of the promptIntroduces topic(s) in a clear thesis statementDevelops response with some specific support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Superficially addresses all aspects of the promptIntroduces topic(s) in a thesis statementDevelops response with limited support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Partially/minimally addresses all aspects of the promptIntroduces superficial or flawed topic(s) in a weak thesis statement/Fails to introduce a relevant topic(s) and/or lacks a thesis statementMinimal support

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONFIRMATION SLIP

During the summer, my son/daughter, _____, entering 8th grade read

_____ by _____ to satisfy the summer reading requirement.

(Book Title)

(Author's Name)

I confirm that the student completed the assigned reading in preparation for the start of school in August of 2021.

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

DIRECTIONS FOR STUDENTS

- This completed sheet is required to be turned in the first week of school.
- Failure to turn this sheet will result in a zero (0) for the homework assignment.