

**SUMMER READING
PACKET
STUDENTS ENTERING
8th GRADE**

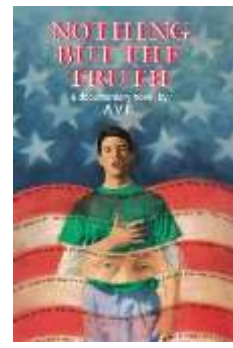


This packet will count as a Language Arts Grade for the First Marking Period. Late assignments will NOT BE ACCEPTED.

DUE: September 4, 2015



COMING SOON TO A CLASSROOM NEAR YOU....



You know the excitement you get when you're at the movies and you see a trailer or preview for a movie that you're anxious to see? Well, that same excitement can be achieved when introducing a new book!

Over the summer you will read Nothing but the Truth by Avi. This book has an emotional and powerful storyline that I believe you will all enjoy and connect to! After reading the book, you will create a poster that will act as your "Book Trailer". Your poster board can be any color of your choice but must be 22" x 28". On your poster you must include the following pieces of information:

- The title of the book capitalized and underlined
- Your name and grade
- A book trailer script that describes the characters, plot and climax but doesn't give away the ending (must be typed)
 - Use the first 3 questions from the **Book Review Template** to organize your thoughts
 - Then use **Checklist for Book Trailer Script** before writing your final copy
 - You will read and present your script when we return in September
- A book recommendation explaining why someone should read this book (must be typed)
 - Use the last question from the **Book Review Template** to organize your thoughts
- Pictures that illustrate scenes from the book and match your trailer script in sequential order (they can be hand drawn or printed from the computer, but **must** be in color)

Your poster should be creative, decorative, and attractive! Remember you are trying to "sell" the book and most people are engaged by the visual presentation first. Have fun and be creative! I look forward to hearing about,

Nothing but the Truth coming to our classroom

September 4th!

Checklist for Book Trailer Script

- Title of the book
- Author's name
- Genre
- Main character described
- Problem main character has told
- If the main character is successful at solving the problem is not explained.
- Some details about the action present
- Favorite part or connection told
- Recommendation given
- Ends with a question or scene that makes you want to know more

Book Review Template

Introduce the book.

Tell about the book, but don't give away the ending!

Tell about your favorite part of the book or make a connection.

Give a recommendation (e.g., If you like..., you will love this book or I recommend this book to anyone who likes...).



Current Events Journal

Due: September 4, 2015

Whether you are relaxing on the beach, sightseeing in a historical town, or hanging out at home; the news never ceases!

This summer, in addition to reading a novel, you will keep a Current Events Journal. This should be completed in a marble notebook and contain a total of six entries (two from each month; June, July and August). Your notebook should have a label on the front cover with your name and grade.

Your entries must include the following:

- The article of your choice from the newspaper or internet cut out and glued/taped into your notebook.
- The date of the article
- A summary of the article in your own words (5-7 sentences)
- A text-to-self connection on how you can relate to the topic or how it has an effect on your life (5-7 sentences)
- An explanation on what you learned from reading the article (3-4 sentences)

Your journal should include a variety of information and may not have more than one entry on the same topic. For example, you are only allowed to include one entry involving sports, entertainment, etc. You may choose to print or complete your entry in cursive, however, all entries must be handwritten and completed in blue or black ink!

This project should help you connect and relate to what is happening in the local, national and worldly news. Have fun learning and expanding your horizons!