

Summer Reading Activity

7th Grade

NON-FICTION

(*Surviving Hitler* or *Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World*)

2011-2012

After you have finished reading *Surviving Hitler* or *Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World*, complete the four activities described below. How you choose to present these activities is up to you (i.e. poster, notebook, in a folder, etc.)!

REMEMBER: The purpose of this assignment is to prove to your teacher that you did your summer reading. The best way to do that is to include many strong details from the book! The stronger your details, the higher your grade will be!

Activity 1: Factual Summary (25 points)

Write a brief summary IN YOUR OWN WORDS of the major events in the book. Only major details are needed. This should be written in paragraph format and should be 2-3 paragraphs in length. This can be typed or handwritten. Please proofread!

**The re-worded summary from the back of the book or from an online source will not be accepted.

Activity 2: First-person Journal (25 points)

Write a journal entry from the perspective of someone or something in the book. The author of the journal entry should react to a MAJOR event mentioned in the book. This needs to be 2 paragraphs in length and should look like a journal entry. This can be typed or handwritten. Please proofread!

Activity 3: Book Review (25 points)

Write a one-paragraph book review, highlighting the best/worst aspects of the book. Did you enjoy the book? Give at least 1 SPECIFIC reason why with an example from the book to support your reasoning. Finally, rate your book 1-5 stars (5 is the best!). This can be typed or handwritten. Please proofread!

Activity 4: Student Choice (25 points)

Complete ONE of the following:

- Create a crossword puzzle that pertains to the content of the book. You must have at least 15 clues. If you wish to make this on the computer, try puzzlemaker.com!
- Write a poem that reacts to the book in some way. The poem can be free verse or have a rhyme scheme. Your poem should be at least 10 lines.
- Create a character collage. In the center of the page, create an illustration of someone from your book, and be sure to include a caption that tells the viewer who the person is. Around the person, include 7 more illustrations of events from the book that involving that person. Under each illustration, include a **2-sentence** caption so that the viewer will know what is happening. Each illustration should be colored!

DUE DATE:

Friday, August 12, 2011