

Summer Reading Reflection: NON-FICTION

Use this reflection if you read: *No Excuses!* OR *Within Reach: My Everest Story*

This book reflection takes the form of a newspaper. Use the following requirements to design and lay out your reflection. Place the articles and features where you think they fit best.

Your articles should be written in NEWSPAPER FORMAT! These are not essays; they are articles.

You may complete your final product on the computer or by hand. Your final product should be neat, reflect effort, and look like a newspaper.

HINT: Use a real newspaper to give you ideas.

- ✓ Check off each requirement after you've completed it!

REQUIREMENTS

Summary

At the top of the first page, write a summary of your book in a well-developed paragraph. Include the **MAJOR** points only!

1. Make sure your summary answers *who, what, where, why* and *when*.
2. Create a headline that relates to the summary.

Biographical Article

Write a brief article about the author.

1. Describe who the author is, what he or she did, personality traits, and interesting things about the author.
2. Create a headline that relates to the article.
3. Draw a picture of the author in a scene from the book.

Obstacle

Write a brief article describing an obstacle(s) the author had to overcome. Write in complete paragraphs.

1. Describe the obstacle and why it was such a challenge.
2. Describe how the author overcame the obstacle.
3. Create a headline that relates to the article.
4. Draw a picture of the author struggling with the obstacle.

□ **Advice Column**

Pretend the author wrote a letter to the advice columnist, Ms. Know ItAll, seeking advice about a major problem he faces in the biography. Create an assumed name (i.e. *Sad in Forks, Haunted at Hogwarts*) for your author to use to sign his letter. Then write a response from Ms. Know ItAll that reflects advice for how the problem could be solved.

1. Include the letter from the author to Ms. KnowItAll with the assumed name at the end.
2. Include the response from Ms. Know ItAll.
3. Make sure this looks like an advice column.
4. Give the column a heading.

□ **Comics**

Design a four-panel comic strip that illustrates something funny that happened in the story. If nothing funny happened, then design your comic strip to make fun of something that happened.

1. Use four squares.
2. Create a title for your comic strip.
3. We understand that you are not all artists. Do your absolute best!

□ **Editorial**

Choose an issue from your book and take a position on it. Are you in support of or opposed to the issue? What would you have done differently or the same? (Example: If you read the book *Twilight*, you might write an editorial explaining why you are sick and tired of Edward keeping Bella from becoming a vampire.)

1. Write a letter to the editor or the author describing how you feel about the issue.
2. Think carefully and honestly about what you want to say.
3. Create a headline for the editorial.

□ **Advertisement, Crosswords, & More**

All the space in your newspaper should be filled. After you have written all that is required, be creative to fill up the remaining spaces. Suggested possibilities include want ads, advertisements, crossword puzzles, word searches, riddles, or obituaries. **Make sure they relate to the story you read!**