

Student Name:

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The First Step to Any Adventure

Every adventure begins with the hardest step: the first step. It takes a lot of courage, grit, and strength to tackle an adventure or challenge. Middle school is an adventure that all of you will take and sixth grade is that first step. You will face many challenges, many obstacles, and many dangers. You will also make great memories, friends, and experiences. I have selected three books that showcase great adventures. You only need to select **one** of these books to read.

The Labors of Hercules Beal by Gary Schimdt

Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

To answer each of the questions below, cite evidence from the text to support your answer. Include a specific quote or quotes, and reference the page number on which it is found.

While Reading: Answer the following questions in a complete and thoughtful paragraph. For the purpose of this assignment, a paragraph will count if it is at least four sentences in length.

1. Read the book and find **three** lines from the story that you particularly like. Write them down and explain why you chose those three lines.
2. In what specific ways does one of the main characters demonstrate **courage** in the midst of conflict?
3. In a good book, a character grows and changes, just as we do in real life. Identify the points of conflict in this book during which the character changes and what the change looks like.

After Reading: Answer the following questions in a complete and thoughtful paragraph. For the purpose of this assignment, a paragraph will count if it is at least four sentences in length.

1. Write a review for this book. You can rate it out of five stars, ten stars, 100 pts, etc. Would you recommend this book to anyone? Why or why not?

Creative Section-Choose **one** of these to complete.

1. Create a new cover or book jacket for your selected book. The back of the cover/jacket should have a summary of the book. Summary should be at least 100 words.
2. Write a journal entry from the POV of one of the characters in this book. Must be at least 300 words.
3. Create a travel brochure about the setting of your book.
4. Write a news article about one of the important events in your book. Must be at least 300 words. Make it look like a newspaper or web article.
5. Write a poem about your book. Poem must be at least ten lines long.
6. Create a book trailer. The trailer must be at least two minutes long.
7. Interview a character. Come up with ten questions yourself and answer those questions from the POV of your selected character. Write it in the form of an interview.
8. Comic Strip/Picture book. Retell this story in the form of a comic or picture book. Must be at least 20 panels if a comic. Must be at least 15 pages if a picture book.
9. Alternate Ending. Write an alternate ending for your book. Must be at least 500 words and include dialogue.
10. Get another creative project approved by Mr. Johnson.

Please contact Mr. Johnson at jonathonjohnson@mcacademy.com with any questions.