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To the members of the Class of 2025 and their parents,

Welcome to the Eighth Grade!

You will be asked to read a memoir of your choice for your summer selection. A memoir is a piece of writing that recalls a personal experience. It usually focuses on the significance of the relationship between the writer and another individual or thing and is supported by memories of those specific experiences.

Make sure, when you are choosing your book, that you remember the difference between a memoir (a narrative about certain relationships or experiences) and an autobiography (a narrative that spans the experiences of a person's whole life).

Upon returning to school in September, we will be studying the qualities that make memoirs successful, and you will be asked to share and draw upon your analytical and personal reactions in a claim-proof-reason (CPR) response. Along with reading and annotating, we ask that you reflect upon the literary qualities you found unique to the genre of the memoir. Please include your findings in the provided graphic organizer. Be sure to include text evidence and/or your reasoning as to why these qualities stand out to you. In order to do so, please use the attached graphic organizer to keep track of your annotations. Aside from the fact that this will count as your first homework grade, your ideas will jumpstart much of our class discussion as well as help you to format your CPR.

It is our deepest hope that reading memoirs will help remind all of us that even though our lives seem mundane, it is the day-to-day activities as well as the major national and international events which occur that have an effect on how we live, and shape the people we will become in the future.

Have a wonderful summer break. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kosakowski & Mrs. Homan

Please e-mail your memoir selection to [kosakowski@nvnet.org](mailto:kosakowski@nvnet.org) & [homana@nvnet.org](mailto:homana@nvnet.org) by: July 31<sup>st</sup>. Once a memoir is chosen, the student's name will be next to their choice. Only one student per memoir.

HERE ARE SOME MEMOIR IDEAS

Memoir Title	Author	Memoir Title	Author
		<i>Shoe Dog-Victor Agosto</i>	Knight
<i>A Big Little Life: A Memoir of a Joyful Dog Names Trixie</i>	Koontz	<i>Signs of Survival: A Memoir of the Holocaust -John Higgason</i>	Hartman, Greene
<i>A Different Story</i>	Roi	<i>Soul Surfer- Sadie Poirot</i>	Hamilton
<i>A Journey of Survival</i>	Bar-Nir	<i>Stick Figure</i>	Gotleib
<i>A Cage for One</i>	Fitzgerald	<i>Stitches</i>	Small
<i>A List of Things That Didn't Kill Me</i>	Schmidt	<i>Swimming to Antarctica</i>	Cox
<i>Almost American Girl: An Illustrated Memoir</i>	Ha	<i>Teen Angst..Naaa...?</i>	Vizzini
<i>A Long Way Gone</i>	Beah	<i>The Abracadabra Kid-Giselle Fermano</i>	Fleishman
<i>After The Wall</i>	Hensel	<i>The Burn Journals</i>	Runyon
<i>At the Edge: Riding for my Life-Ran Peles</i>	MacAskill	<i>The Circuit</i>	Jimenez
<i>Bad Boy</i>	Myers	<i>The Closer: Young Reader's Edition-Charlie Schneider</i>	Rivera, Coffeey, Corbett
<i>Beautiful Boy</i>	Sheff	<i>The Diary of Ma Yan</i>	Yan
<i>Born to Run-Ben Pocaró</i>	Springston	<i>The Glass Castle-Rachel Maniscalco</i>	Jeanette Walls
<i>Breakaway: Beyond the Goal-</i>	Morgan	<i>The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid</i>	Bryson
<i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i>	Woodson	<i>The Maddie Diaries-Arya Chasin</i>	Zieglar
<i>Candy Freak</i>	Almond	<i>The Power of Half</i>	Salwen
<i>Can't We Talk About Something Pleasant</i>	Chast	<i>The Pregnancy Project</i>	Rodriguez

<i>Caught By the Sea-Zara Fisher</i>	Paulsen	<i>The Railway Man</i>	Lomax
<i>Chinese Cinderella-</i>	Mah	<i>The Reading Promise</i>	Ozma
<i>Don't Let's Go Out With The Dogs</i>	Fuller	<i>The Skin Between Us-Abby Schettino</i>	Ragusa
<i>Dawrf</i>	DiDonato	<i>The Story of my Life</i>	Goldstein
<i>Dreams From My Father</i>	Obama	<i>The Warrior's Heart-Theo Gilbert</i>	Greitens
<i>Eleven Rings-Blake Barba</i>	Jackson	<i>The Wilder Life</i>	McClure
		<i>They Call Us Enemy-Vincent Schag</i>	Takei
<i>Everything Sad is Untrue</i>	Nayeri	<i>The Year We Disappeared-Tristyn Buckner</i>	Busby
<i>Facing The Lion-</i>	Lekuton	<i>Thinking in Pictures</i>	Grandin
<i>Fighting Fire</i>	Paul	<i>This Star Won't Go Out</i>	Earl
<i>Ghosts of War-Nick James</i>	Smithson	<i>Three Little Words</i>	Rhodes Courter
<i>Ginger Kid</i>	Hofstetter	<i>Throwing Strikes-Allen Liu</i>	R.A. Dickie
<i>Girl Interrupted-</i>	Kaysen	<i>Tomboy</i>	Prince
<i>Gorillas In The Mist</i>	Fossey	<i>To Timbuktu</i>	Scieszka
<i>Hard to Grip: A Memoir of Youth, Baseball, and Chronic Illness</i>	DeAndreis	<i>Travels With Charley</i>	Steinbeck
<i>Hey Kiddo-</i>	Krosoczka	<i>Tuesdays With Morrie</i>	Albom
<i>Hole in My Life</i>	Gantos	<i>Tweak</i>	Sheff
<i>How Angel Peterson Got His Wings</i>	Paulsen	<i>Unlikely Warrior</i>	Rauch
<i>Hunger</i>	Gay	<i>Warriors Don't Cry</i>	Beals
<i>Hyperbole and a Half-Jacob Alan</i>	Brosh		

<i>I am Malala-Abby Klain</i>	Yousafzai		
<i>I Beat the Odds: From Homelessness to Blind Side-Paige Gladstein</i>	Oher	<i>We Beat the Street</i>	Sampson e.t al
<i>I'm Glad my Mom Died-Mia Dy</i>	McCurdy	<i>We Should Hang Out Sometime</i>	Sundquist
<i>I Will Always Write Back</i>	Ganda/Alifire nka		
<i>I Will Plant You A Lilac Tree</i>	Hillman	<i>When Breath Becomes Air-Jonas Lee</i>	Kalanithi
<i>Into the Wild</i>	Krakauer	<i>Shoe Dog:A Memoir by the Creator of Nike</i>	Knight
<i>Into Thin Air-Max Garcia</i>	Krakauer	<i>Highest Duty</i>	Sullen
<i>King of the Mild Frontier</i>	Crutcher	<i>A Very Punchable Face</i>	Jost
<i>Learning Joy From Dogs Without Collars</i>	Summer	<i>My Friend Dahmer-Sophia Paul</i>	Backderf
<i>Life Animated</i>	Suskind	<i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind-Juhan Choi</i>	Kampwamba
<i>Marley and Me</i>	Grogan	<i>No Better Friend</i>	Weintraub
<i>Mountains Beyond Mountains</i>	Kidder	<i>Relentless</i>	Edelman
<i>My Thirteenth Winter: A Memoir</i>	Abeel	<i>I Was Their American Dream-Peter Caulfield</i>	Gharib
<i>Ninety Percent Mental: The Hidden Game of Baseball</i>	Tewksbury		
<i>No Limits: The Will to Succeed</i>	Phelps		
<i>No Summit Out of Sight</i>	Romero		
<i>Once More We Saw Stars-Emme Paneque</i>	Greene		
<i>Outcasts United</i>	St. John		
<i>Persepolis (Graphic)</i>	Statrapo		
<i>Popular-Elle Mulder</i>	Van Wagenen		

<i>Positive-</i>	Rawl		
<i>Proud</i>	Muhammad		
<i>Red and Me</i>	Russell		
<i>Red Scarf Girl</i>	Jiang		
<i>Relentless Spirit: The Unconventional Raising of a Champion</i>	Franklin		
<i>Relish</i>	Knisley		
<i>Rocket Boys</i>	Hickman		
<i>Sharp</i>	Fitzpatrick		