

## Summer Assignment

### 6th Grade Reading Assignment

Welcome to the 6th grade. You will be required to read *The Bystander* by James Preller. I would like you to read and type a reading response journal (see elements below) on the assigned book and then also either create a cover page or a poster depicting your favorite part of the story, or favorite quote. Bring your completed projects to class on the first day back to school. Have a nice summer!

Your **Reading Response Journal** MUST include the following for full credit. Each item below is worth 10 pts. (Total 100pts.)

- **Book title**
- **Author**
- Describe the **setting** (where/when majority of the story takes place)
- Describe the **Main Characters**
- Describe **five notable events from the story** (These "events" can include details from the plot, the problem, the solution, or just anything that happens in the book. You can have more than five, but not less than five)
- Tell me about **Your favorite part** (Also include one sentence telling why it was your favorite part.)
- Tell me about **Your least favorite part/something you would change** (Also include one sentence telling why you Did not like it or why you would change it)
- Give **YOUR rating** for the book (You create the scale: stars, "thumbs up," smiley faces, etc. Decide if your scale is 1-10; 1-5, etc. and rate the book on how much you enjoyed reading it.) Be sure to tell why you decided on that rating.
- Tell me your **favorite quote** in the book AND why it's your favorite. (This should be a direct quote FROM the book. It can be something that one of the characters said that you thought was funny, strange, inspirational, or just memorable. Or, this quote could be a sentence the author wrote that just stuck in your mind as you read.)
- Create a **creative cover page OR poster** depicting your favorite part or favorite quote of the story.

Putting it all together:

- Your reading response journal should be 3-5 pages long, typed, double spaced, Times New Roman 12 point font.
- Your cover page (8 ½ x 11 sheet) or poster (no bigger than a regular poster board size paper) should have the title of the book along with a design of your favorite part or favorite quote of the story in a creative way that relates to the book. (You may use crayons, markers, colored pencil, or any other art medium you have . Make sure any "decorations" you add to your poster relate to your book.)