

MOUNT DE SALES ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING 2022 - 2023



Seventh Grade

Each student entering the 7th grade must read two (2) books before they return to school in August, 2022. The two required novels are *Holes*, by Louis Sachar, and *Unbroken*, by Laura Hillenbrand (Young Readers Edition).

In addition, students must complete the following activities for each novel:

Vocabulary Building Activities for *Holes*, Louis Sachar

Devote one section of a composition journal (any type) to **Vocabulary**. Define the following words using an online or book dictionary to assist in your reading experience.

Chapters 1-5
stifling, perseverance, desolate

Chapters 6-9
warily, despicable, defective

Chapters 10-14
barren, engraved, authority

Chapters 15-20
evict, penetrating, agony

Chapters 21-25
defiance, writhing, grotesque

Chapters 26-30
rummaging, hazy, riot

Chapters 31-35
fidgeted, refuge, mirage

Chapters 36-40
protruding, precipice, delirious

Chapters 41-44
inexplicable, astonishment, precarious

Chapters 45-50
strenuous, outraged, tedious

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Writing Activities for *Holes*, Louis Sachar

Devote another section of your composition journal to **Writing About *Holes***. Select one (1) of the following writing prompts. Write a two-paragraph response using correct spelling and grammar.

1. Which character in this story changes the most throughout the story? Explain your choice.
2. What is the most important lesson to be learned in this story? Explain your answer.
3. How does the location of the story shape the events in the story? Explain your response.
4. How does the time period of the story shape the events of the novel? Explain your response.
5. Which of the conflicts in the story are resolved by the end of the novel? Explain your answer.

Writing Activities for *Unbroken*, Laura Hillenbrand

Devote another section of your composition journal to **Writing About *Unbroken***. Select two (2) of the following writing prompts. Write a two-paragraph response to each question using correct spelling and grammar.

1. Explain why Louie's story is considered inspirational?
2. Explain how Louie's childhood helped to prepare him for the hardships and trauma he would endure as an adult.
3. Should Pete be given credit for Louie's survival techniques? Explain.
4. Forgiveness is a powerful gift. Why do you think that giving and/or receiving forgiveness is necessary for a peaceful life?
5. Explain the parts of the novel that made you feel uncomfortable. Explain the parts of the novel that made you smile.

Bibliographic Information for Purchasing the Correct Edition

Each of these books is available at *Amazon.com*. Local bookstores can also order these novels for our students.

ISBN numbers for each novel are listed below:

Holes, by Louis Sachar

ISBN-10 : 0440414806

ISBN-13 : 978-0440414803

Unbroken, by Laura Hillenbrand (Youth Edition)

ISBN-10 : 0385742525

ISBN-13 : 978-0385742528