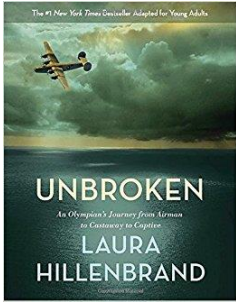


Eighth Grade Language Arts (2024-25)

Reading for Summer 2024



Unbroken (The Young Adult Adaptation): An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive by Laura Hillenbrand

Unbroken will be the one book we would like **all** rising 8th graders to read by the start of the school year. This novel serves as a foundation for exploring reading strategies and skills, literary analysis, genre exploration, and composition skills.

We recommend the following guidelines for reading *Unbroken*:

- Since you will be referring to this novel at the beginning of the school year, you should read *Unbroken* closer to the time when school starts—keep it fresh in your mind!
- If you have read *Unbroken* before, do read it again before school starts. While you may remember the overall story, reading to refresh your memory of specific details will help you as we work through our beginning assignments about the book.
- Annotating your book is highly recommended; this will help you sift through historical details and events, as well as significant people you meet as you read.
- Please fill out the review guide to prepare you for the book test as well as extra credit.
- **Please make sure you read the young adult adaptation.**

If you or your parents have any questions about summer reading, please contact Mrs. Natalie Bowman (LA8) by email: natalie.bowman@chca-oh.org. I will make every effort to get back to you as soon as possible.

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Unbroken Summer Reading Review Guide

Below is a review guide for your summer reading which will help prepare you for class discussions and a book test. The guide covers different events and sections in the book. My suggestion is to fill out the guide while reading the assignment. Since this is a graphic organizer, please list your thoughts via bullet points. (You may use complete sentences or phrases.) You may print the assignment with handwritten answers or type your answers and then print the assignment. **This is an optional assignment. If completed, it will serve as extra credit.**

Running

- What impact did running have on Louis Zamperini?

The Flying Coffin

- Describe the type of plane.

- What were the men's feelings/attitudes towards this aircraft?

Superman

- Describe the event that took place with this aircraft (give details of the scene)

- How did this event impact Louis Zamperini?

Phil, Louie, and Mac's experience on the raft

- What challenges did the men face while stranded at sea

Execution Island

- Describe the environment of this POW camp

- What significant person did Louis Zamperini meet? Why was he significant to Louis's story?

Corporal Watanabe

- Please describe Watanabe and the role he played while Louis was a POW.

- Describe one interaction Louis had with the corporal.

PTSD- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

- Once the war was over, Louis experienced PTSD. Please describe his "episodes" while he was home. How did war change him?

