

UNBROKEN SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

Unbroken

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All seniors are to have read *Unbroken* by the first day of school. Each student will submit **handwritten notes** to the study guide questions below to their religion teacher on the first day of school in the fall. (The book will be discussed and addressed in varying ways throughout the semester in your Religion and English classes)

Part One

There is no specific length requirement; you will be graded based on the depth of your response...however, it is hard to have depth without including a good deal of details and evidence. BE SPECIFIC

1. Before going off to war, Louie's brother, Pete tells him, "A moment of pain is worth a lifetime of glory." What is significant about this quote? Why do you think Pete tells Louie this?
2. How did Louie's childhood prepare him for war? How did Louie's running career prepare him for war?
3. Why is Louie always the first one to be beaten? What do you think Louie has that the Japanese are afraid of?
4. Describe Louie's life after the war. What things came as a surprise to you and what did you expect? In the end, Louie realizes that the way forward is not by revenge but through forgiveness. Why is revenge not the answer?

Part Two

A. 2 Poems

For this assignment, you need to write two poems-they cannot be acrostics or haikus.

Each poem must be at least ½ page in length

1. The first poem needs to reflect the experience of someone living in a World War II prisoner war camp. You need to include information about their experience throughout their time in the camp, their thoughts and emotions, as well as how they would want someone to remember about their experience.
2. The second poem needs to be from the perspective of Louie Zamperini. You need to include information about the pain he endured, the reasons he feels he survived, and how he would want his legacy remembered.

You will be graded on your ability to accurately describe the thoughts, emotions, and feelings of the people listed above.

Part 3: Journal Entries

For this part of the assignment, you will need to write 4 journal entries

Each journal entry should be at least ½ page in length. Your journals need to be on the following topics

- i. Louie's life as a child
- ii. Louie's experiences in the military and his time as an ocean castaway
- iii. Louie's experience as a prisoner of war
- iv. Louie's problems once he returned home from World War II

Your journal entries can be written from the perspective of Louie (first person) or from you as a current student. Your grade will be based on the details you provide and your analysis of what it must have been like for Louie.