



## Entering 6th Grade (5th to 6th) Summer Reading



### Checklist At A Glance:

- Read the required text, *The One and Only Ruby* by Katherine Applegate.** This is a follow-up to the novel *The One and Only Ivan*, read in 5th grade.
  
- Complete the provided writing guide** (there is a choice of a handwritten version to print out **or** a digital version to make a copy in Google Drive for typed responses)
  -  5-6 The One and Only Ruby Handwritten.pdf
  -  5-6 The One and Only Ruby Digital (go to “File” and then “Make a copy”)
  
- OR create an artifact on *The One and Only Ruby*** (the artifact could be in the form of an essay, visual representation, series of poems, recorded film, music score, or presentation)
  
- Students should then read a second text of their choosing**

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

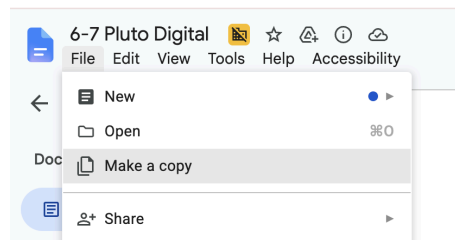


### **Should we do the writing guide or create the artifact?**

While students may have a choice between completing the writing guide and creating an artifact, we recommend the writing guide to support with daily sentence writing and response-level writing.

### **If we do the writing guide, should we use the digital or print out the handwritten copy?**

While we often recommend using the handwritten guide, the digital guide would support students who may have difficulty with handwriting and/or spelling. Do note that the digital version will need to be made into a copy. See the screenshot for how to go to “File” and then choose “Make a copy”:



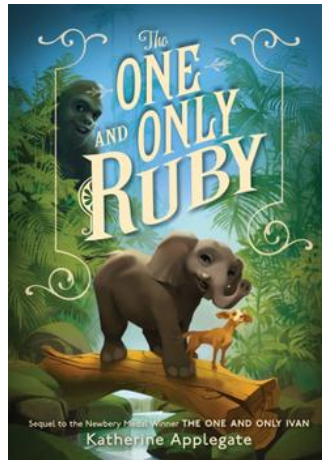
### **What if I am an incoming student and have not read *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate?**

Students in 5th grade read and critically wrote about *The One and Only Ivan*. If you are an incoming student, you could either read *The One and Only Ivan* on your own before reading *The One and Only Ruby*, or you could also watch the film adaptation to build the background knowledge necessary to understand *The One and Only Ruby*.

**Reminder:** Students who attend AIM's Summer program DO NOT have to complete their summer reading or math packets.

**Required Reading:**

*The One and Only Ruby* by Katherine Applegate



Sequel to the Newbery Medal winner *The One and Only Ivan*, Katherine Applegate's *The One and Only Ruby* tells the story of a young elephant named Ruby, whose life in the African savanna is cut tragically short by cruel poachers. Fortunately, Ruby is relocated from inhumane conditions, first in an American roadside zoo and then in a cage in a mall; she is brought to a sanctuary, where she is the youngest in the herd of elephants. Ruby's important Tusksday ceremony approaches, but Ruby is feeling ambivalent about her tusks and about her induction into adulthood. She confides in her friends and family about the tragedy and loss she has experienced in her young life, which helps her to come to terms with her impending Tusksday, and to navigate this important ceremony with courage and style.

## First Day of School



Students should come to the first day of school with the **completed writing guide(s)** and/or a **completed artifact** of the required text, ***The One and Only Ruby*** by Katherine Applegate. Finally, students should be ready to discuss the texts that they read over the summer. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Mrs. Mellon over the summer. We look forward to collaborating to support your students' reading and writing success.

*We thank you in advance for your support with this important endeavor and hope that you and your student have a wonderful time enjoying many great books together this summer.*