

Roy W. Brown Middle School

7th Grade Advanced Summer Reading Assignment

Your summer reading assignment is to read one memoir (230 pages or more in length) that is appropriate for a 7th grader. A **memoir** is a nonfiction narrative written by the author about their own life. Suggested titles include but are not limited to:

The Distance Between Us: Young Readers Edition by Reyna Grande

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Young Readers Edition by William Kamkwamba & Brian Mealer

Red Scarf Girl by Ji-Li Jiang

Popular: How a Geek in Pearls Discovered the Secret to Confidence by Maya Van Wagenen

They Call Me a Hero by Daniel Hernandez

Relentless: A Memoir by Julian Edelman

A Long Way Home by Saroo Brierley

Warriors Don't Cry by Melba Pattillo Beals

Shoe Dog: Young Readers Edition by Phil Knight

Almost American Girl: A Graphic Memoir by Robin Ha

Becoming: Adapted for Young Readers by Michelle Obama

It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime (Adapted for Young Readers) by Trevor Noah

Directions:

Take notes on Post-Its, notebook paper, or a typed-printed doc that address the following:

- When you feel empathy for the author
- When you understand the author
- When you don't understand the author
- When the author focuses on a specific memory that is important to the story
- When the author uses vivid sensory language (show, not tell!)
- Identify the beginning, the middle, and the end

Be prepared by bringing the memoir and your notes to ELA on Fri, September 11.

You will be completing an assignment in class in which you will be using the book and your notes!

Happy reading!