

**The Police Officer Rocco Laurie School
Intermediate School 72**

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Dear Student,

All students attending The Police Officer Rocco Laurie Intermediate School in the fall of 2020 will be required to read two novels, and complete their accompanying assignments this summer. It is imperative that you start the school year off on the right foot and are ready for 8th grade.

You are required to read *The Bully* by Paul Langan. After reading the story you are to write a letter to your new principal, Ms. Jackson, explaining how you are going to make a positive impact on IS 72. You are required to include at least two references from the novel. Include your fears, behaviors and thoughts on bullying, acceptance, and differences. Remember, your letter must include an introduction, body, and conclusion paragraph.

For the second novel, you have a choice of reading either *Unbroken* (the young adult adaptation) by Laura Hillenbrand, or *Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk. For this assignment, you will complete the attached worksheet and a book review. The questions on the attached worksheet should be answered in complete sentences, using text evidence to support your responses. You will also write a review of the novel. Write a one paragraph (5-8 sentences) review of the novel that you have chosen above. Imagine that you are a book critic; what are your thoughts, reactions, and critiques of the novel? Please include one quote from the novel to support your review of the novel. This review may be written in first person and should provide information about the novel, as well as your opinions.

Attached is the worksheet to be used with the secondary novel of your choice listed above. **Both assignments will count as an assessment grade for the first quarter for Language Arts Class.**

Thank You,

Mrs. Jackson
Principal

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8th Grade Fiction Summer Reading Response

Name _____

Title: _____

Author: _____

1. Describe the major problem in the novel that the protagonist must overcome and describe how the problem was solved. Be specific using at least three details from the novel.

2. Determine the theme and how it was developed over the course of the novel. Cite at least three details from the novel to support your ideas.

3. Evaluate the novel on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the best). Explain your evaluation.
