

## Seventh Grade Summer Reading Assignment

How can we overcome the obstacles we face in life? How can we find the courage and strength to survive in trying times? How can we achieve our goals despite setbacks?

These essential questions will be explored as part of the seventh grade English curriculum. This year's summer reading assignment will feature both real people and fictional characters who face a variety of challenging situations. By reading a nonfiction piece paired with a fictional text, you will develop a deeper understanding of what it means to have a disability, to feel different, and to find the will to keep going no matter what.

### **Assignment:**

Carefully read the descriptions of the books. Choose **a pair of texts** to read. You may choose to read the novel (fiction) or the memoir/biography (non-fiction) first. In September, you will be asked to write an essay showing how the author of the nonfiction text AND the main character of the novel relate to ONE of the themes below. It is strongly recommended that over the summer, you choose ONE theme and find textual evidence to support that theme in both the nonfiction book AND the fiction book.

### **Themes:**

Nothing is impossible.

Any obstacle can be overcome with hope and determination.

A weakness can be transformed into a strength.

People are more alike than they are different.

### **Required Reading Selections:**

Please see the chart.

