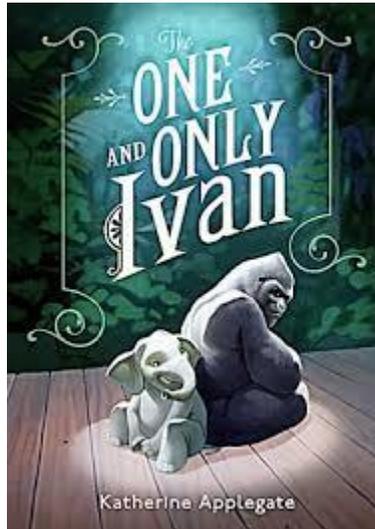


## **2017 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Assignment:**

Students are required to purchase a 1 subject marble note book. All assignments (other than Math- which is completed on line) will be placed into the notebook and handed in to the ELA teacher by Friday September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Grade 6 has 2 books that need to be purchased and read. These books will also be used when returning to school in August. It is important that each student have his/her own copy.

**Required Text #1:** The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate  
Amazon Price: \$6.78



**Directions:** Students are responsible to read The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate.

### **Part 1:**

While you are reading, after you finish each chapter (some are very short) you will write a summary of what happened in each chapter. Since the chapters are not numbered it is important that in your notebook you put the chapter heading followed by its summary.

**Part 2:**

**Letter Writing Activity** - Take on the role of Ivan or Ruby. You are to create 3 letters to another character within the novel. The letters should explain a major event that is evident within the novel. Each letter must be at least 1 page long.

**Part 3:**

In "The One and Only Ivan", one very important theme is **belonging**. Write an essay that discuss the theme of belonging in this story from the point of view of (2) of the characters.

Use the following as a guide for your essay:

**Paragraph 1:** Introduction.

**Paragraph 2:** Discuss where you see the theme of belonging in this story. Discuss how (2) characters view this theme of belonging. Use details to support your answer.

**Paragraph 3:** Conclusion.

**Required Text #2-** The Wanderings of Odysseus: The Story of the Odyssey by Rosemary Sutcliff  
Amazon Price- \$5.70



**Directions:** Students are responsible to read The Wanderings of Odysseus: The Story of the Odyssey by Rosemary Sutcliff

**Part 1:**

While you are reading, after you finish each chapter you will write a summary of what happened in your notebook. Write out each chapter heading with your summary below.

**Part 2:**

Answer the following questions after you finish the chapter summaries.

- A. Describe what the term HERO means to you. Name a hero that you personally look up to and explain in detail why you consider them a hero.

B. The definition of the word journey is:

- An act of traveling from one place to another.

synonyms: trip, expedition, excursion, tour, trek,  
voyage

Tell about a journey you once took. What made it a *journey*? *Explain in detail about your trip- Where did you go? What did you do?*

C. The definition of the word obstacle is :

- a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

Name a time when you had to overcome and obstacle. Explain in detail what this obstacle was and the ways you were able to overcome it.

# CURRENT EVENTS

It is important to be aware of things that are happening around the world and also in the community where you live.

Your assignment is to complete **eight** current event articles.. We encourage you to use the NY Newspapers (NY Daily News/ Newsday/ NY Times) but you may also use magazine articles and on-line newspaper articles ONLY if it comes from a reliable source.

The required 8 articles that you need to have are as follows:

- 2 Science related articles
- 2 Historic articles
- 2 Health articles
- 1 Technology article
- 1 Article of your choice

## Detailed Procedure

1. **Choose your current events article.** After finding the article, either glue or staple it into your notebook. The article should be informative and have enough information to answer who, what, when, where, why, and how.
2. **Write a summary** of the article using your own words. Your summary should be **descriptive** including the important details from the article.