

## Eighth Grade Journal Assignment

You will be responsible to have a novel in your possession at all times during ILA. Choose a novel that is on your reading level; not too difficult, yet not too easy. Choose a novel that holds your interest. “HALO” books will not be allowed this year. Each week you will be responsible for a journal entry **written in your journal notebook**. Each student has been assigned to a specific day of the week.

Monday- (no journals due)

Tuesday- Nicholas Detz, Bryan Haberstroh, Kyle Hinnenkamp, David Kilp

Wednesday- Monica Palmieri, Marysue Perry, Bianca Ricci, Luke Robinson

Thursday- Alexandra Seibert, Ian Seifried, Carlyn Slagle, Sara Strausbaugh

Friday- Emiley Stump, Kevin Wolgemuth, Sean Wolpert, Bolang Zhou

\*\*\* Your assignment each week is to write a letter **to me**, telling me about the novel you are reading at the time. Let me know about the plot, theme, setting, characters, your favorite part, a part you didn't like, a twisted plot with an ending you didn't expect, etc. There will also be times when I will give you specific writing assignments pertaining to topics we are studying in class or a certain creative writing topic. How long does it have to be, you ask? Here are the requirements.

Each journal entry must:

1. be written in correct friendly letter form (date, greeting, body, closing, signature)
2. **be hand-written, in cursive**, as neatly and legibly as possible.
3. contain **3 paragraphs** of at least **4 sentences each** (remember to indent!).
4. be free of spelling, grammar and punctuation errors.
5. be handed in at the beginning of the class period on your day. (which means that you are not writing it in ILA that day!)

Exceptions: If your journal is due on a day off, it must be handed in the very next day.

If you are sick on your day, your journal is due your next day back.

At the end of the marking period a “journal grade” will be averaged in with your other ILA grades.