

Incoming 6th Graders

Directions: Read and/or listen to **one** of the following **Historical Fiction** novels (or audiobooks) on the list. Resource students can read any of the choices. Then, answer the seven questions about your novel. Answers can be hand-written or typed. The assignment is due the first week of ELA class.

Options (Choose ONE):

Ground Zero by Alan Gratz

Towers Falling by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Eleven by Tom Rogers

Resource Student Option:

I Survived: The Attacks of September 11, 2001 by Lauren Tarshis

Please answer all of the following questions about your novel:

1. Which novel did you choose to read? What did you know about September 11, 2001, prior to reading the novel?
2. The setting of a novel includes both time and place. Where and when does your novel take place? Does this setting change in the story?
3. Besides knowing the setting, what details told you that this was a book from another time period? Pick **two examples** from your novel.
EXAMPLE: People rode horses instead of driving cars for transportation because cars weren't invented in 1776 when the story takes place.
4. Who is the main character of your novel? Tell me about the protagonist in 5-7 sentences. (*Think about what the character looks like? How do they behave? What words or actions tell you about the character? Does the character have important family or friends?*)
5. Does the protagonist (main character) change from the beginning of the novel to the end? Tell me how, if so.
6. What is one conflict (problem) for the main character? Does the conflict get resolved? Explain your answer.
7. What's the message (theme) of the book for you?

If you have questions, email me and I will do my best to answer them quickly. My email address is: aschiller@sjfschool.us. I can't wait to talk about your book with you at our first book conference. Good luck and happy reading!

-Mrs. Schiller