

Summer Reading Assignment

Incoming Eighth Grade

Dear Students:

You will be required to read the book *Survivors Club: The True Story of a Very Young Prisoner of Auschwitz* by Debbie Bornstein Holinstat and Michael Bornstein. You will be required to compose a five-paragraph analytical essay following the directions given below. The essay will be collected on the first day of school. The essay will count as your first test grade for the first marking period. Thank you and happy reading.

Assignment for *Survivor's Club*:

One of the themes in *Survivor's Club* is family. Following the structure below answer the following questions in a well constructed essay, using quotes and examples from the text:

- **Why is family important?**
- **How are traditions passed down, both in the past and the present?**
- **How did the idea of "family" help Michael Bornenstein survive?**
- **How can family help us overcome our own difficulties?**

Each of the following requirements will be worth 10 points each. Your essay will be typed, printed and brought to school the first week of class.

_____ Proper heading – name, date, school, and subject

_____ An essay containing five well written paragraphs with complete sentences and logical order – (paragraph should be five or more sentences) It is typed, 12 point font, double spaced, or neatly written using blue or black ink.

_____ Each paragraph should contain at least one quote from the diary that supports your description or analysis.

_____ Paragraph 1 – Grabber (hook), mature review of question, **thesis statement.** (5-8 sentences)

_____ Paragraph 2 – Transition, Point 1 (from your thesis statement), examples and facts, closing. (5 – 8 sentences)

_____ Paragraph 3 – Transition, Point 2 (from your thesis statement), examples and facts, closing. (5 – 8 sentences)

_____ Paragraph 4 – Transition, Point 3 (from your thesis statement), examples and facts, closing. (5 – 8 sentences)

_____ Paragraph 5 – Transition, restatement of thesis statement, ending inference. (4 – 6 sentences)

_____ All spelling and grammar are correct.

_____ Handed in on time