

Honors ELA Summer Reading Assignment Entering 6th Grade

Novel: *The Red Bandanna* by Tom Rinaldi (Regular Edition, not Young Readers)

Essay:

- 1 ½ - 2 pages typed
- 12 font
- Times New Roman Font
- Doubled Spaced
- 5 paragraph essay

Paragraph 1: Introduction (5-7 good sentences with details)

- Define the word “hero”
- Was Welles Crowther a hero?
- Include the Title and Author of the novel in this paragraph
- Must have a Thesis statement that explains what the essay is about

Paragraph 2: (7-10 good sentences with details/explanations)

- Topic sentence
- Addressing the Setting of the novel
- Address Welles Crowther’s early life and the various teams Welles found himself on
- Address what important lessons Welles learned from being on those various teams
- Address how Welles acquired the red bandanna

Paragraph 3: (7-10 good sentences with details/explanations)

- Topic sentence
- Address what Welles did as he was close to escaping the event that was unfolding on 09/11/2001
- Address what ultimately motivates Welles to stay and help others
- Address what you would have done if you had been faced with this same decision, and tells us why

Paragraph 4: (7-10 good sentences with details/explanations)

- Topic sentence
- Address what ultimately happens to Welles Crowther
- Address the powerful connection people have with Welles Crowther’s story and his red bandanna

Paragraph 5: Conclusion (5-7 good sentences)

- Address in what ways do disasters such as 9/11 attacks reveal both the best and worst of humanity
- Restate whether Welles Crowther was a hero or not and why
- Give your opinion of the novel and if you have ever put yourself in danger to help someone else