

## 6th Grade English

(5th graders entering 6th grade)

**Please read both the following novel AND biography prior to the start of school. Complete the assignment for each book and bring your papers to class on the first day of school – these will be your first grades of the semester.**

- (1) Read the novel, *The City of Ember* by Jeanne Du Prau

Use the attached **Fiction Book Review** to write a 4-paragraph essay about the book. You may write or type the essay, but remember that every paragraph must be at least five complete sentences.

Optional: With parental approval, you may want to watch “The City of Ember” movie AFTER you read the book. You can then add a paragraph which compares/contrasts the book with the movie. Which did you like better?

- (2) Choose a book (which you have not previously read) from the ***Christian Heroes: Then & Now*** series (available on Amazon.com and published by YWAM) or read ***With Daring Faith: A Biography of Amy Carmichael*** by Rebecca Davis

Complete the attached **Biography Poster Report** paper for your Christian hero after you have read the book. In the section “Read All About...,” you need to write at least 5 sentences (attach a paper if you can’t write that tiny). ☺ Be sure that your “Mini-Movie” title is different than the title of the book.

\*For further enrichment, you may want to read the other three books in the *City of Ember* series, as well as the first three books in the *Narnia* series by C.S. Lewis (*The Magician’s Nephew*, *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*, and *The Horse and His Boy*)

During the school year the following works will be required reading:

- *Prince Caspian* – C.S. Lewis
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* – Mildred D. Taylor
- *Crispin: Cross of Lead* – Avi

# Biography Poster Report



by \_\_\_\_\_

Person: \_\_\_\_\_

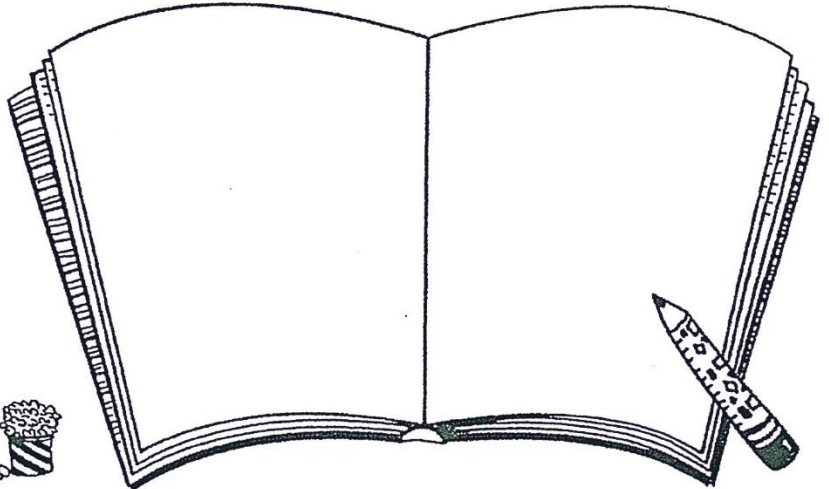
This Person Is Famous for: \_\_\_\_\_

**Portrait**  
(Draw or attach a picture of your subject here.)

Born: \_\_\_\_\_ Died: \_\_\_\_\_

## Read All About \_\_\_\_\_ !

To learn more about this incredible person, check out this book I wrote:



## Mini-Movie



If this person's story was turned into a movie, I would call it \_\_\_\_\_

The movie below shows three important scenes from \_\_\_\_\_'s life:

Caption: \_\_\_\_\_

Caption: \_\_\_\_\_

Caption: \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>Quotable Quote</b>          Something important this person said:</p>	<p><b>Life Lesson</b>          Something important I learned from this person:</p>	<p><b>In Five Words</b>          Five words that describe this person:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> </ol>	<p><b>Final Fact</b>          One last thing I want to tell you about this person:</p>	<p><b>Super Resources</b>          To learn more about this person, here are some books, web sites, and resources:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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## Outline for a Fiction Book Review

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Writing: Fiction Book Review

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

**Paragraph 1** – Describe the main character(s) and the problem he/she/they faced.

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**Paragraph 2** – Write a short version (summary) of the main events in the story.

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**Paragraph 3** – Tell how the problem was solved and how the story ended.

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**Paragraph 4** – Give your opinion of the book. Tell why you liked or disliked the book.

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