

# The Running Dream

Book Club Alternative Assignment for Incoming 8th Graders  
Summer 2020

## Instructions:

There are 6 written assignments in addition to your reading. **Please send all assignments to Mrs. Toljanic by August 14** (new deadline). You are welcome to send them earlier if you'd like!

Suggested Deadlines:	Complete this Reading Assignment::	Complete this Writing Assignment:
August 14	Your Independent Book Choice	<p>You chose a book about identity and difference. Write 8-10 sentences answering the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why did you choose this book?</li> <li>2. Where did the themes of identity and difference occur in your book?</li> <li>3. What were the lessons you learned from this book? What can and will you apply to your daily life, starting today?</li> </ol> <p><i>Don't forget capital letters, proper spelling and all the correct punctuation!</i></p>
July 17	Pages 1-36	<p>Write a paragraph to answer the following question:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have you, or someone close to you, ever had a horrible injury? Describe this experience and the emotions surrounding it.</li> </ol> <p><i>Don't forget capital letters, proper spelling and all the correct punctuation!</i></p>
July 21	Pages 37-107	<p>Assignment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In this part of the story, Jessica is realizing the difficulties of living in her house with one leg while missing the simple things like her bedroom or a hot shower. To have a small taste of what Jessica is going through, make a SHORT video (1 minute or shorter) of you doing</li> </ol>

		<p>something simple (examples: brush your teeth or hair, putting on socks/shoes, getting something to drink) with your dominant hand tied behind your back. Narrate your experience, then send me your video.</p> <p>2. At the end of this section, Jessica sees Rosa and is surprised when she is lumped in with a <i>special-needs</i> student, a label she does not believe she deserves. We all know that labels can be hurtful. Describe a time when you were labeled. How did you feel? Did you believe the label was deserved? Explain.</p> <p><i>Don't forget capital letters, proper spelling and all the correct punctuation!</i></p>
July 28	Pages 108-205	<p>Write a paragraph to answer each of the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In section 3/chapter 12, Jessica goes to her first track meet since the accident. Once on the field, Jessica says, <i>...it's way more important to find a group to huddle with to help body-block the rising winds, and some afternoons anyone will do.</i> What is the author helping us to understand?</li> <li>2. In the book, the Liberty HS track team is determined to raise \$20,000 to help <i>Jessica Run Again.</i> What is the greatest way you have ever helped support another person or organization? Describe the group or situation. How did helping make YOU feel?</li> </ol> <p><i>Don't forget capital letters, proper spelling and all the correct punctuation!</i></p>
August 4	Pages 206-309	<p>Write a paragraph to answer the following question:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Throughout the book, Rosa repeatedly asks Jessica to describe running because she believes she will never run. But - never say never! What is something you WANT to do, but do not believe it can happen? What is holding you back from this dream?</li> </ol> <p><i>Don't forget capital letters, proper spelling and all the correct punctuation!</i></p>
August 6	Pages 310-329	<p>Write a paragraph to answer the following question:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the end, Jessica's plan of hard work, diet, practice, and preparation got her through her goal of completing a 10 mile run. As you enter 8th grade, what are your goals and plans for achieving them?</li> </ol> <p><i>Don't forget capital letters, proper spelling and all the correct punctuation!</i></p>