



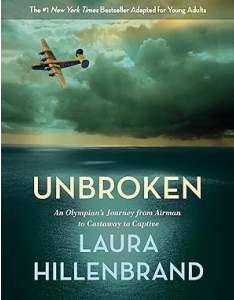
## Triton Middle School

### 8th Grade Summer Reading 2025

This summer, please read *Unbroken* (The Young Adult Adaptation): An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive, by Laura Hillenbrand, and complete a project for this novel.

Then, read a second book of your choice and complete a **different project** for that text.

Submit both projects to your English teacher on the first day of school on September 2, 2025

<b>Required Reading:</b>	<b>Book Cover:</b> 	<b><i>Unbroken</i> (The Young Adult Adaptation): An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive, by Laura Hillenbrand</b>  In this captivating and lavishly illustrated young adult edition of her award-winning #1 <i>New York Times</i> bestseller, Laura Hillenbrand tells the story of a former Olympian's courage, cunning, and fortitude following his plane crash in enemy territory. This adaptation of <i>Unbroken</i> introduces a new generation to one of history's most thrilling survival epics.
<b>Choice Book:</b> Everyone chooses a <b>second</b> book to read!	<b>Resources:</b> <a href="https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/8th-grade-summer-reading">https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/8th-grade-summer-reading</a>  <a href="https://k-12readinglist.com/reading-lists-for-middle-school-children/reading-list-for-8th-grade-students-age-13-14/">https://k-12readinglist.com/reading-lists-for-middle-school-children/reading-list-for-8th-grade-students-age-13-14/</a>  <a href="http://www.yabookscentral.com/">http://www.yabookscentral.com/</a>	

## Summer Reading Projects

Please choose one option for each of the books you have read.

**1. Write a letter to a character in the book,** addressing their actions, choices, and/or behavior, and discuss how you felt about their choices/actions. Your letter should be 200+ words. Must be in standard letter format, and free of grammatical errors.

**2. Complete a graphic organizer on your novel.** Be sure to include: characters, setting, major events, the climax of the story, and a conflict in the story. Briefly describe each element.

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\*\*You may use the template provided or create one of your own. (See attached template).

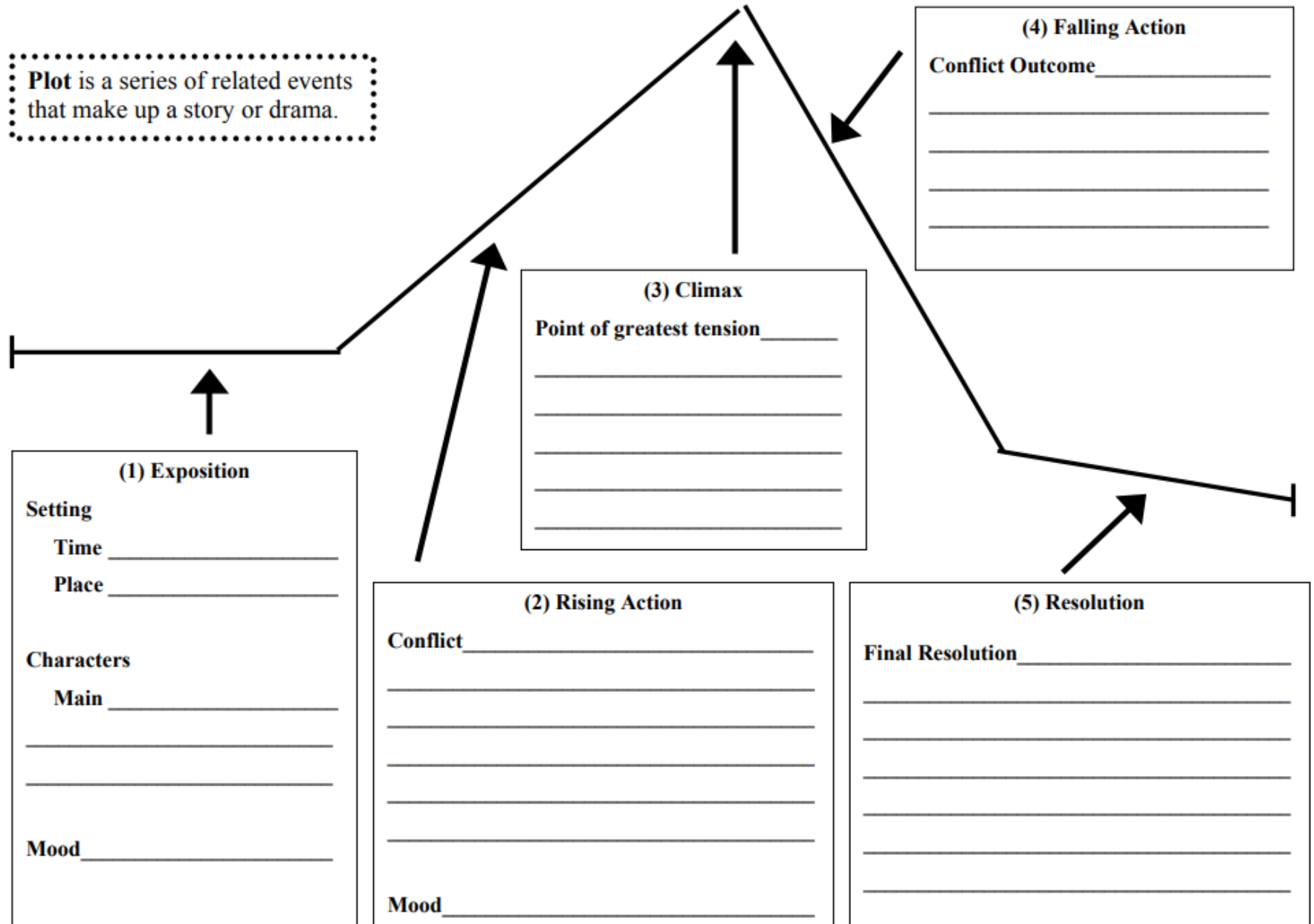
**3. Alternate Ending:** Rewrite the last chapter/ending of your book, or add an ending that tells the “rest of the story,” if it ended with a cliffhanger. The alternate ending must be 200+ words, typed or in pen, and include a separate short paragraph explaining how your ending differs from the original and why you changed it.

**4. Create a postcard** written from the perspective of one of the characters in the book. On one side of the paper, create a picture that represents something in the book, and on the other, write a letter from the perspective of one of the characters to another character in the book.

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

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

**Plot** is a series of related events  
that make up a story or drama.







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### 7th Grade Summer Reading 2025

This summer, please read the required book *The Honest Truth* by Dan Gemeinhart **OR** *The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise* by the same author and do one of the journal choices and visual.

Then, read a second choice book and choose a different journal prompt and visual to complete for that novel.

Submit both journals (with visual) to your English teacher on the first day of school on September 2, 2025

<p><b>Required Reading:</b></p> <p>Everyone chooses to read <b>one</b> of these books!</p>	<p><b>Book Cover:</b></p> <div></div> <div></div>	<p><b>Book Description:</b></p> <p><b><i>The Honest Truth</i> by Dan Gemeinhart</b></p> <p>In all the ways that matter, Mark is a normal kid. He’s got a dog named Beau and a best friend, Jessie. He likes to take photos and write haiku poems in his notebook. He dreams of climbing a mountain one day. But in one important way, Mark is not like other kids at all. Mark is sick. The kind of sick that means hospitals. And treatments. The kind of sick some people never get better from. So Mark runs away. He leaves home with his camera, his notebook, his dog, and a plan. A plan to reach the top of Mount Rainier. Even if it’s the last thing he ever does. <i>The Honest Truth</i> is a rare and extraordinary novel about big questions, small moments, and one incredible journey.</p> <p><b><i>The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise</i> by Dan Gemeinhart</b></p> <p>For five years Coyote and her dad, Rodeo, have lived on the road in an old school bus, criss-crossing the nation. It’s also how long ago Coyote lost her mom and two sisters in a car crash. Coyote hasn’t been home in all that time, but when she learns that the park in her old neighborhood is being demolished—a park where she, her mom, and her sisters buried a treasured memory box—she devises an elaborate plan to get her dad to drive 3,600 miles back to Washington state in four days...without him realizing it. Along the way, they’ll pick up a strange crew of misfit travelers. Lester has a lady love to meet. Salvador and his mom are looking to start over. Val needs a safe place to be herself. Over the course of thousands of miles, Coyote will learn that going home can sometimes be the hardest journey of all...but that with friends by her side, she just might be able to turn her “once upon a time” into a “happily ever after.”</p>
<p><b>Choice Book:</b></p> <p>Everyone chooses a <b>second</b> book to read!</p>	<p><b>Resources:</b></p> <p>See what parents and kids say about books on this site: <a href="https://www.commonsensemedia.org/">https://www.commonsensemedia.org/</a></p> <p>Search award winning books on this site: <a href="http://www.ala.org/">http://www.ala.org/</a></p> <p>eBook app to use with your library card: <a href="https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/">https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/</a></p> <p>Buy reduced priced used books on this site: <a href="https://www.thriftbooks.com/">https://www.thriftbooks.com/</a></p> <p>#buildyourstack on social media has posts from English teachers that recommend books for students</p>	

# Summer Reading Projects

**#1:** Answer a journal prompt for your REQUIRED book (*The Honest Truth* or *The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise*) in a solid, 6-8 sentence paragraph. Include some sort of visual of your book: drawing, collage, postcard, comic strip, etc. (Prompts below)

**#2:** Answer a DIFFERENT journal prompt for your CHOICE BOOK in a solid, 6-8 sentence paragraph. Include some sort of visual of your book: drawing, collage, postcard, comic strip, etc.

## Journal Prompts for FICTION Books:

- ☐ Explain a character's problem and then offer the character advice on how to solve his/her problem.
- ☐ Pick one character and explain why you would/would not like to have him/her as a friend.
- ☐ Describe and explain why you would/would not like to have lived in the time or place of the story.
- ☐ Write about what would happen if you brought one of your characters to school or home for a day.
- ☐ How would the story be different if told through another character's eyes?
- ☐ How does the character's actions affect other people in the story?

## Journal Prompts for NON-FICTION Books:

- ☐ What ideas might you have for turning this work of nonfiction into a work of fiction? Give a brief summary of what your story might be like.
- ☐ Explain the basic information that is being presented in terms of the 5W's: Who? What? When? Where? Why?

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