

ADVERSITY PROJECT

Adversity is defined as an unfavorable event or experience. Think of an adversity that many teens could relate to. Typically these are tied to the conflicts in young adult novels. Think about your novel and what adversity may exist.

8th Grade: Complete each of the tasks below after reading your summer reading books (you can mix and match the question to different books, or base it all on one).

7th Grade: Complete two of the tasks listed below after reading your summer reading books (one task should be based on one of the books and the other task should be based on the other book.)

6th Grade: Complete one of the tasks listed below after reading your summer reading book.

If you complete more than your assigned amount of questions, there will be extra credit available.

Example Adversities: bullying, friendships, peer pressure, poverty, homelessness, death, divorce, body image, eating disorder, immigration, moving, religion, love

Task 1 - Lyrics

Find a song that has lyrics connected to your adversity. Provide a written explanation as to how the lyrics specifically connect to the adversity in your novel. Utilize both implicit and explicit evidence in your response. The lyrics should be handed in with your response. Make sure all lyrics are school appropriate.

Task 2 - Poem

Find a poem that connects to your adversity. Provide a written explanation as to how the poem relates to the adversity you have chosen. Use implicit and explicit evidence in your response. A copy of the poem must be handed in along with your response.

Task 3 - Message

Write a free verse poem about your adversity. Consider incorporating some of the questions below.

What do you want the message to be to your peers about this adversity?

What types of change could you see impacting this social issue?

Do you have any personal connections to this issue that make you feel connected to this adversity?

What feelings do you want to evoke in your reader?

Are there symbols you can use to represent this issue? Or images you would like the reader to see?

Are there any celebrities who are also connected to this adversity? How did they handle it and if possible overcome it?

Are there any startling statistics about this adversity?

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