

Summer 2017 Reading assignment for incoming 8th grade students.

Due: August 18, 2017

This document contains 2 total pages. Please thoroughly read both pages

Task: Obtain the book titled, *Marooned in the Arctic: The True Story of Ada Blackjack, The "Female Robinson Crusoe"* by Peggy Caravantes.

(The book may be purchased through www.amazon.com or rented from local area libraries.)

Read the book, and then complete Assignments 1 and 2 below.

Assignment 1: Journal.

-For this assignment, you will need to buy a journal or composition notebook. Cover it and decorate it, making it look as if you've been stranded somewhere and you've had the journal during your time in the wild.

-For the contents of the journal, you need to pick a place and imagine you are stranded in that place. The place can be anywhere in the world, but you have to **be stranded there without any means of communication**, so it has to be somewhere remote, away from any type of civilization. The setting of the book is off limits.

-In the journal, you are to complete a total of 12 entries. Each entry will cover one day during your survival in the wilderness of your choosing.

-Your first entry must include where you are stranded and how you became stranded in that place.

-For every entry after your first entry, you must talk about your daily life in your remote location. **The days don't have to be subsequent, or don't have to occur right after another.**

Possible topics to discuss in your entries:

-Weather for the day

-Activities you did on that day

-Things you tried to accomplish but didn't succeed at

-Different threats that are posed to you in your location, or different threats that you came across

- Difficulties you experienced during the day
 - Successes you enjoyed during the day
 - Detailed description of your environment and surroundings
 - What you are doing (or building) for your survival
 - Any psychological or physical suffering you are experiencing during your isolation
 - What shelter you have built or taken refuge in
- Drawings of your shelter, tools, surroundings, etc. are allowed

These journal entries must be realistic!! Do not include anything exceptionally outlandish or fictional.

****Have fun with this, and exercise your imagination!!!**

Assignment 2: Review of the book *Marooned in the Arctic*

For this assignment, you must review the book. Things to include in the review are:

1. Title and author
2. A brief summary of the book (thorough summary is required)
3. A brief description of two topics found in the grey boxes throughout the book, and how they tie into the plot of the book.
4. A description of the environment in which the group was marooned
5. Resources the group used to survive in the Arctic
6. Hardships the group faced in the Arctic
7. One thing you learned after reading this book.

To display this material, you may do one of two things. Your choices are:

1. Create a brochure in which all the above items are covered. If creating a brochure, be sure to include pictures, your name, title of the book, etc. The information above can be displayed on any pages of your brochure, as long as **all the information from numbers 1-7 are located somewhere in your brochure.**
2. Film yourself giving an interview about the book. Have someone film you using a phone, video camera, etc.
 - Be sure you discuss everything from numbers 1-7 above.
 - You may have a notecard to help you, but please face the camera!
 - Dress up for the interview. Act like you're a reporter on live TV!
 - Have your video ready to be viewed. Save it to a flash drive, the cloud, etc.

***If doing the video, you may have a friend videotape you, but the video can only contain one student. In other words, two students are not allowed to be in, and submit, the same video.**

*Have fun, and be creative!

