

## Summer Reading Project (for students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

Choose **ONE** novel to read and focus your project on:

*Harbor Me* by Jacqueline Woodson

*The Only Road* by Alexandra Diaz



You will be creating a **Newspaper Book Response**. Use the following requirements to design and lay out your “newspaper.” Place the articles and features where you think they fit best, and check off each requirement as it is completed. This must be **handwritten** – all writing is completed by hand and all drawings are done by hand. You will use white poster board (22” x 28”) to create your newspaper. Fold the poster in half to create a booklet, just like a real newspaper. You may mount sections on colored construction paper before applying to the poster pages. Work carefully – accuracy, colorfulness, and neatness count! Your sections will display well if you mount the sections on contrasting colors as a background; however, this is not required. This will count as a **major assessment (test) grade**, so be sure to put forth your best effort on this! Look at how a real newspaper is designed and how these components are represented. This is your chance to make a great first impression on your new teacher.

**Due Date:** Tuesday, August 9

(**Due Date for Students Enrolled On/After August 1<sup>st</sup>:** Tuesday, August 23)

Requirements: You must have each of the following sections in your newspaper:

### Title/Name of Newspaper

- Create a title for your newspaper. It should be related to the book, but NOT the book title. This should be at the top of your newspaper.
- Underneath the title of the newspaper in a smaller font, write the title of the book that the newspaper is based on, the reporters’ name (this is you), and the due date.
- Create a line that separates this section from the rest of the newspaper.

### Articles – Create a Catchy Headline for **Each** Article

- Summary – Write a summary of the main and/or important events that the main character was involved in (this is **not** written as a list, but written in paragraph format). Answer who/what/where/when/why/how in your summary of what major events happens in the novel and why they are important. This should be 2 paragraphs. Create a catchy headline for this article.
- Character Profile – In paragraph format, write a brief article about the main character, including who the character is, what he/she did, and interesting facts about the character. Include 2 character traits to describe the personality of the character and include evidence from the text to support these character traits. Draw a picture of the main character **based on text descriptions** and include this with the article. Be sure to label the picture with a caption.

### Features – Choose **TWO** Features to Include and Include a Catchy Headline for EACH Feature Included

- Advice Column – Write a letter from the main character to an advice columnist seeking advice about a problem he/she faced in the book. Create a name for the “advice columnist writer” to use in the letter from your main

character. Then write a response from the columnist that reflects how the problem was solved. Make it look like an advice column.

- Book Review – Write a review for the book you read. Explain your likes/dislikes and support with examples from the book. To whom would you recommend this book? Why?
- Editorial – Choose an issue/problem in your book and take a position on it. Review other editorials in newspapers and then write a letter to the editor describing how you feel about the issue. Think carefully and honestly about what you want to say.
- Comics – Design a 4 panel comic strip illustrating something funny that happened in your book. Create a title for the comic. Include color and caption bubbles. The background must also be fully colored. You **may** use a comic-strip creator from the internet to help you create this comic.

**Fillers – ALL of the Space in your Newspaper Should be Filled. Choose AT LEAST **THREE** of these options to include in your newspaper to help take up the remaining room. You can include more than three; however, three of these options is the minimum. Be creative when filling up the white space. Make sure what you choose relates to your novel.**

- Crossword Puzzle/Word Search – Using names, places, etc. from the book, create a puzzle. Include a word bank or answer key in another section.
- Advertisement – Using places from the book, create an advertisement for visiting that particular place. Describe what it looks like and why someone would want to visit this particular place. Insert a hand drawn picture of the place.
- Sports – Create a sports section if there were any sporting events that could have been or were a part of the novel.
- Travel News – Based on a location that was mentioned or was the setting.
- Classified Ads – Create a “help wanted” ad or an ad for an object that your character wants to find or would be trying to sell.
- Lost and Found – Based on something that was lost as part of the story.
- Weather – Describe the weather for a period of time that is important in the novel.

### **Conventions and Overall Appearance**

- All writing is completed by hand and by the student.
- Writing has been checked and edited for spelling, punctuation, and capitalization errors.
- Newspaper is neat, colorful, and shows attention to detail.
- Writing shows thorough understanding and knowledge of the novel chosen.

Students are responsible for printing these instructions and the rubric for the summer reading assignment. Use this checklist and the rubric to be sure that you have followed all directions for your newspaper and make corrections as needed before turning in the assignment. **Questions?** Email Ms. Foster at [kimberly.foster@tcmstornadoes.com](mailto:kimberly.foster@tcmstornadoes.com) or Mrs. Jacobsen at [amanda.jacobsen@tcmstornadoes.com](mailto:amanda.jacobsen@tcmstornadoes.com)

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

Requirements:	Points:
Title of newspaper: Related to book and at the top	_____/5
Title of the book, name, and date	_____/5
<u>Summary of important main events:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Headline for the article</li> <li>○ Summary is in paragraph form</li> <li>○ Contains “who/what/where/when/why/how”</li> </ul>	_____/20
<u>Character Profile:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Headline for the article and paragraph format</li> <li>○ Character drawing</li> <li>○ Character traits with evidence to support</li> </ul>	_____/20
<u>Features: Contains at least 2</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Advice column:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Includes letter from main character seeking advice (related to novel)</li> <li>○ Includes “advice columnist” response</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Book review:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Review of the book</li> <li>○ Would you recommend?</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Editorial:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Issue/problem explained</li> <li>○ Written in letter format, including personal stance on the issue</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Comic:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4 panel comic strip</li> <li>○ Contains color (including background) and captions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	_____/20
<u>Fillers: Contains at least 3</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Crossword puzzle/word search:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Includes puzzle or search</li> <li>○ Answer key</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Advertisement:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Advertises a particular place with detail</li> <li>○ Hand-drawn picture</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Sports:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sporting event that was a part of the novel</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Travel News:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Based on location/setting in the novel</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Classified Ads:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Help wanted” ad</li> <li>○ Describes an object character is selling/finding</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Lost and found:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Something that was lost in the story</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Weather:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Describes weather for a time in the novel</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	_____/30
<b>Total Score:</b>	_____/100