

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading

*Read the novel Soul Surfer, and choose **one** of the following 5 response options to complete.*

*This assignment should be typed (if applicable) and submitted on Teams, or printed and delivered to your teacher by Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.*

**1. Create a new book jacket design for the book**, either [virtual](#) or [on paper](#). Include the following:

- o Front cover: The title and author along with **your** illustration for the book.
- o Inside front flap: Write **your own** description of the setting and a short summary of the book (150 words).
- o Inside back flap: Write **your own** brief biography of the author. Include awards won and a small photo (100 words).
- o Back cover: Include one interesting paragraph from the story that will cause others to want to read the book (150 words).

**2. Write 3 diary entries that one of the characters would write** which include details about the story. Diary entries should be at least 150 words each and can be typed or handwritten.

**3. Create a sculpture of a character.** Use modeling clay or papier-mâché to sculpt a character. Write a description of who the character is and why he or she is important (250 words).

4. **Create a book trailer** (at least 1 minute 30 seconds but not longer than 3 minutes) that will make others want to read the book too. Use the video creation tool of your choice.

5. **Character Analysis Essay.** Write a 500-word essay analyzing one of the main characters of the novel you read. Use the following questions to *guide* you, but your essay should be of your own creation.

- Did this character grow or change over the course of the novel? If they did, explain how, and whether this change was positive or negative. If not, explain why you think the author kept the character *static* throughout the course of the novel.
- Use STEAL to analyze the character's personality and traits. (Speech, Thoughts, Effect on Others, Actions, Looks).

5. **A Letter to the Author.** You are to write a 400-word minimum letter to Bethany Hamilton, containing the following:

- A little bit about yourself
- How you reacted to her story
- Your favorite part of the book
- How her experience has impacted you

This assignment must be **typed**!

Your work will be graded on:

- Spelling and Grammar
- Sincerity (whether or not you take the prompt seriously)
- Accuracy (whether or not the things you say about the book are correct)