

Advanced Intermediate Summer Language Arts Work

Choose one of the following Newbery Award winning books to read. There are 2 books to choose from for both 5th and 6th graders. Complete the written response.

- *Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures*, by Kate DiCamillo. (\$4.51 on Amazon Prime.) From School Library Journal, “Flora starts off her 10th summer by promising her mother that she’ll spend more time reading real books, and less time poring over the pages of her favorite superhero comics. But neither she nor her mother could have predicted that her summer would be one long superhero adventure, starring none other than Flora and her new pet squirrel, Ulysses. Ulysses gains super-squirrel strength after being sucked into a vacuum cleaner, and he changes the Buckman family’s lives, renewing a sense of hope and optimism in Flora.”

Written response: Write an essay about someone who has inspired you.

- *A Gathering of Days: A New England Girl’s Journal, 1830-32*, by Joan W. Blos. (\$7.99 on Amazon Prime) This story, written in diary form, records the daily lives and special events of Cassie, her family, and friends. It is a fascinating account of New England life in the early 1800’s, telling both the hardships of pioneer life and its many joys.

Written response: Keep a summer journal for one week recording your daily life and special events.