

Eighth Grade
Sr Aisha – English

Summer Book Report One:

- **Book:**

- o Downriver by Will Hobbs

- **Due Date:**

- o TBD

- **Assignment:**

- o Write an essay following the prompt below. 1-2 pages minimum.
 - Our third unit of the year is about Turning Points. Our main theme is *“What is a turning point in someone’s life?”* In class we have discussed all the different events that can cause turning points in a person’s life. And as we read this story, we will see Jessie and her companions go through experiences that will have big impacts on their lives and will change the way they view things. What are some of those events? How do you think these events impacted them? Write a short essay choosing at least 3 moments in the story that you think were turning points in the characters’ lives that had impacted them greatly.

Rubric:

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Organization	A proper flow of an introduction, body, and conclusion in your essay	Somewhat of an introduction, body, and conclusion in your essay	No flow and/or no introduction, body, or conclusion in your essay.
Spelling and Grammar	No mistakes in spelling and grammar	Some mistakes in spelling and grammar	A lot of mistakes in spelling and grammar
Vocabulary	Used a lot of vocabulary words that we learned in class or from the book	Used some vocabulary words that we learned in class or from the book	Used little to no vocabulary words that we learned in class or from the book
Usage of Text	Was able to find proper examples of turning points in a character's life from the book and reference them.	Used an example from the book but didn't completely succeed at explaining what was learned or its importance / Wasn't able to properly reference the example.	Used little to no examples from the book or used an example but it did not fit what the essay prompt was asking you to look for