

**Students Entering Grade 8  
Integrated Language Arts  
Summer Reading Assignment**

**Directions:**

- 1. Read *Okay for Now* by Gary Schmidt.**
- 2. Answer two essay questions. Be sure to include text evidence. Each answer should be three paragraphs. Please proofread.**

- Did you realize Doug was illiterate at the beginning of the book? What signs does the author give you? How did being illiterate impact his life? How did learning to read impact his life?
- Doug has a difficult family life. His father behaves less like a parent and more like a bully, but in Marysville, Doug meets other adults who show him kindness and compassion. Name three adult characters in *Okay for Now* who offer Doug guidance and instruction. What does Doug learn from them?
- At the end of the book, we don't know whether Lil will be okay or not. What do you think will happen next?
- How has Doug changed over the course of the book? What do you think contributed to these changes? How has he stayed the same?

**Choose another book to read. Be prepared to complete a literary element chart in class.**

Title	Author	Genre
<i>The War That Saved My Life Or The War I Finally Won</i>	Kimberly Brubaker Bradley	Historical Fiction
<i>Fire from the Rock</i>	Sharon Draper	Historical Fiction
<i>Hunger Games</i>	Suzanne Collins	Dystopian/Adventure
<i>Gathering Blue or Messenger</i>	Lois Lowry	Dystopian/Science Fiction
<i>White Fang</i>	Jack London	Classic/Adventure
<i>Peace Locomotion</i>	Jacqueline Woodson	Poetry/Realistic Fiction
<i>I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World (Young Readers Edition)</i>	Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick	Nonfiction
<i>Yellow Star</i>	Jennifer Roy	Nonfiction/Poetry

