

6TH GRADE SUMMER READING 2025



Read *Behind Rebel Lines* by Seymour Reit

Read *The Ultimate Gift* by Jim Stovall.

After Reading

Students are going to write an essay that compares both novels that they read over the summer. This essay will be **2 pages** in length and will identify a central theme in both stories, and then compare the ways that theme shows through.

Behind Rebel Lines is a non-fiction novel while *The Ultimate Gift* is a fiction novel. The ways we see theme show through are going to be different, but they will both have a general theme that you can assign to each book.

1.) Pick a theme that you feel is present in both novels. Write an introduction paragraph that includes both titles and authors, the shared theme in both novels, and a brief (1-2 sentences) description of why.

2.) Your second portion of the essay will be about *The Ultimate Gift*. Talk about how the theme you chose relates to the characters, setting, and plot of the story. Use examples from the text that include proper MLA in-text citations (author last name and page number). (Stovall 1)

3.) You will do the same thing that you did for *The Ultimate Gift* but with *Behind Rebel Lines*. Be sure to include the in-text citations.

4.) Wrap up the essay with a conclusion paragraph. How is the theme different and the same across both novels? What did you learn about that theme from both novels? Did reading the novels change your thoughts on this theme? Make sure that your essay is clean and organized with little to no spelling mistakes.