

## **8B Learning at Home with Mr. B – May 11 to May 15**

Hello 8B. Hope everyone had an enjoyable weekend, despite the snow storm in May. I enjoyed by Friday celebrating my birthday with my family, and a huge thank you to some of the girls in 8B who sent me a nice video birthday message. Hope Kaitlyn you enjoyed your birthday on Friday too. **Happy birthday this week to Randy who turns 14 on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>.**

*This week we will meet again on Wednesday at 2:30 as I will be hosting on our Microsoft Teams group*, so please sign up then to ask questions, allow me show you a few things and just chat. Ms. Murphy will be calling some of you this week, and I will call anyone who could not get on Teams after our chat.

**Please remind your parents that I need 2 or 3 photos of when you were young emailed to Mr. Bosma for the grad slide show and a current photo of you wearing your Class of 2020 hoodie, if they haven't already.**

New this week will be moving on from your intro to start your middle paragraphs. I will also give a short lesson on topic sentences and the actual argument essay assignment criteria.

I was impressed with the show series, movie, and game reviews and will post some recommendations this week There will be a new review small writing activity too next week, this time for documentaries. You can still write a review, however, please focus most of the week to working on your essay and your 60 – 90 second book promo now due on Monday May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**See all the PDFs below for explanations on learning material and assignments this week.** I will try to put up a new video by Tuesday.

Take care,

Mr. B

## Part A: Reading:

### Free Online Reading Choice Links are on Weblinks on my Teacher Page)

**Reading and Speaking Expectations:** *30 minutes a day (more if you wish, reading is also for enjoyment and an escape to get your mind off the world).*

- This week continue with an individual reading of a book of your choice.
- Record notes on interesting, exciting, and what you feel are important parts of your book- Record in either a binder, duotang, on a Notes App on your cell phone, an ipad/tablet, lap top, or what ever works best for you.
- **Book Promo:** Mr. Bosma will be posting a video later this week demonstrating a book promo. There is also a PDF document called Gr. 7 & 8 Book Promo under documents (red tab) at the top of this page. You can continue to practice your 60 -90 seconds(max) book promo as audio or video. This audio OR video promo now due Monday May 18, so you have time, but can send whenever you're finished. **The PDF explanation is called Grade 7 and 8 Book Promo. Mr. Bosma's example will be posted to the attached PDFs by Tuesday this week.**

## Part B Writing Expectations this Week (Monday – Friday):

*\*\* Choose to write the best method and easiest method for writing –*

Either a: Duotang/binder with paper, Notes on your cell phone, ipad, computer, Word on Office 365, what ever is the least stressful to you – Just try to save it.

1. Continue to reasearch for argument essay if you need more and read the PDF Grade 8 Persuasive Argument Essay Description.
- 2.

Acknowledging and Responding to Other Perspective Blocks of Argument Organizer: If you have not finished this you can this week Under the Grade 7 and 8 Argument Organizer example Mr. Bosma has added how to acknowledge other perspectives in point form in those blocks. Know you can think about the other side of the argument and their points and how to argue against those good points.

3. Intro: Hook + Thesis Statement: Mr. Bosma has attached two web link youtube videos explaining a thesis statement which goes after your hook to form an Intro. Mr. Bosma also has an Persuasive Argument Intro (Hook and Thesis) example PDF attached for this week. You can write your intro with a strong hook and thesis statement.
  
4. Move on to writing your 3 middle paragraphs based on the 3 main reasons from your Argument Organizer. See Mr. Bosma's attached PDF document Topic Sentence and Paragraph focus example for help.

***\*\* Remember when revising/editing to use STAR – Substitute better words, Take out what is not needed, Add words, sentences, or punctuation, Rearrange your writing***

***\*\* Focus on your Book Promo and Persuasive Argument Essay this week.***

***Have a great week and stay healthy!***