

## **8B Learning at Home with Mr. B – May 4 to May 8**

Hello 8B. I miss you all. I am happy that this week you are all finally getting your Grade 8 Nelson Rural Class of 2020 Hoodies. This Wednesday, May 6, at 2:30 I will be hosting a class chat for us on Microsoft Teams, 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.

New this week is filling out the other perspective blocks of your argument organizer. Mr. Bosma demonstrates this under a new version of the Gr. 7 and 8 Argument Organizer Example.

Also new this week is two short Youtube videos that explain how to write a thesis statement to go after you're your hook, and part of the whole intro. They are under weblinks on this page. Mr. Bosma is also sharing a Grade 7 and 8 Intro and Thesis example by Tuesday.

STARS WARS FANS: Today, is May 4<sup>th</sup>, a.k.a. Star Wars Day. May the Fourth Be with You. If you want to participate on some Star Wars Franchise great debates. Please try arguing some points on the attached PDF. You can debate it out on TEAMS.

Finally, continue working on research and putting down points for your Argument Organizer as we work toward an essay. Also, remember to keep reading, (web links on my page have free e book downloads) jotting down notes for your book promo (see explanation and an example by Tuesday). Do what you can, and email and ask questions through teams or set up a meeting time with me on Teams for explanation if needed.

**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. Also a couple of birthdays this Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> in our class, Happy Birthday Kaitlyn who celebrates that day.**

**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/video promo won't be due until May 15, so you have time, but can send when ever you're finished.

## **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. Research for Argument Essay:

Continue to research web sites (Use the Website Credibility Check list (under documents at the top of this page, red tab) to make sure the sites are real and strong information. You can print off or write on multiple organizers. Don't worry about space. Use your own paper if needed. This is only point form for now with your thoughts and research.

(An Argument Organizer example is attached under this week's attachments and a blank form is under documents on this page and Mr. Bosma's example too) Try to find 3 credible and strong Websites.

### 2. Acknowledging and Responding to Other Perspective Blocks of Argument Organizer: 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. 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 will by Tuesday have an Persuasive Argument Intro (Hook and Thesis) example.
4. Bonus: If you didn't do a persuasive 5 sentence show/movie/game review from last week you still can **or** Check out the attached PDF on the page *May the Fourth Be With You Debate for Gr. 6 to 8 (Mini Debate for all Star Wars Fans)*. This is optional, but though some true Star Wars fans would have fun leaving persuasive debate points to each other. Maybe we could have such a debate on Teams.

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

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