

Summer Reading: English 12 Essentials

Our summer reading book is ***BE THE ONE*** by Byron Pitts, an award winning journalist who overcame illiteracy and a severe stutter to pursue his career. The book focuses on six teens who Pitts considers to be his heroes due to the obstacles that each had to overcome to find peace, success or happiness.

Your task is to read the story of each of the six teens and respond to the following three questions for each teen. So that is three questions each for six teens and 3 X 6 = 18 responses. Each response should be several sentences long and provide evidence from the book or your own life as support for your answers. The three questions are:

1. What major obstacle or challenge did this teen face?
2. What did the teen do to overcome the problem or obstacle?
3. What are your own thoughts about this teen's situation? Can you relate to how he or she felt and what he or she had to do to help the situation? Have you had any similar experiences? What did you do to help yourself?

You will find pages attached for your responses. You may hand write your responses neatly or you may type them. Don't forget to give plenty of examples for evidence.