

Queens Gateway to Health Sciences Secondary School
Current Grade 6
Summer Reading Assignment

Your Task: Students must read three books: *Think Big* by Dr. Ben Carson, *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott and *Souder* by William H. Armstrong.

Critical Lens: Please respond critically in writing to the quotation:

“Our real heroes are those who overcome great odds to triumph greatly with grace and dignity.”

- ❖... Write an essay in which you discuss the **two** works of literature *Think Big* by Dr. Ben Carson and *Souder* by William H. Armstrong. Write your essay from the particular perspective of the quote that is provided for you in the Critical Lens.
- ❖... In your essay, provide a valid interpretation of the statement, **agree or disagree** with the statement as you have interpreted it, and support your opinion using specific references to the two books.
- ❖... Refer directly to *Think Big* and to *Souder*.
- ❖... Students will be tested on *Little Women* during the first week of school.

RUBRIC: REAL HEROES: Total of 15 points of first marking period grade.

- o Projects must be typed no more or no less than twelve font
- o Typed project must be double spaced
- o Writing response should be at least **three** pages.
- o Engaging colorful cover
- o Brainstorm page (on loose leaf- not part of book) – .5
- o Planning page/ contents page – .5
- o Indicate clearly whether you agree or disagree with the quote
- o Avoid plot summary.
- o Use specific themes/ideas to develop your point of view
- o Organize your ideas in a unified coherent manner
- o Challenging Vocabulary – 2
- o **Edited for Grammar**
- o Subject/ Verb agreement – 2
- o Pronoun/ Antecedent Agreement -2
- o Appropriate tense - 2
- o Content with supporting details /examples – 6