

Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep



Freshmen Summer Reading

Brothers Forever by Tom Sileo and Colonel Tom Manion, USMC (Ret.)

Directions: In a double spaced, typed response, write a 7 – 10 sentence paragraph for each of the following questions. This assignment will be one of your first grades for marking period one. Make sure to provide thoughtful answers and thorough explanations. Please include at least one quote from the text to help support your answer. The quote format is found below.

1. Intro Phrase, 2. Quote 3. Citation.
Sileo writes, “Travis had been running toward danger during the entire deployment” (Sileo 85).

1. US Marine First Lieutenant Travis Manion had a moment of doubt when he was at Annapolis. How will you react when the same doubt enters your mind at OLSM? Who will you turn to for advice or a pick me up?

2. During a deployment, US Marine First Lieutenant Travis Manion jumped into harm’s way for a brother. How will you react when one of your Eaglet brothers needs you?

3. US Marine First Lieutenant Travis Manion once said, “If not me, then who?” How will you lead in the chapel, classroom, and sports arenas? How will you overcome fear or laziness to step up for the Eaglet Brotherhood?

4. When US Navy Lieutenant (SEAL) Brendan Looney received the Honor Man Award, he sent the award to his parents. How will you thank your parents for allowing you to attend OLSM?

5. During a deployment, US Navy Lieutenant (SEAL) Brendan Looney remained “one of the guys” even though he was an officer. How will you treat your brother Eaglets when placed in a position of leadership (alter server, top student, team captain, student council member and etc.)?

6. During a deployment, US Navy Lieutenant (SEAL) Brendan constantly sought ways to contribute more to the cause, like learning to effectively use a sniper rifle. How do you plan on contributing to the Eaglet Brotherhood? How will you seek opportunities/challenge yourself to contribute more?

Tips for Successful Summer Reading



Besides turning in a response paper for the summer reading assignment, you will be tested on the book. Because you will be tested the first week of school, it is imperative that you arrive with a solid understanding of the text. Below is a list of recommendations for completing the summer reading successfully.

1. Do not wait until a week before school starts to read *Brothers Forever*. The book is 261 pages and if you rush, you will not remember what you read.
2. Do not read with the TV on. Do not listen to music. Do not read near a computer. Pick a quiet environment with no distractions. Leave your cell phone in another room.
3. Do not read in bed or a comfy chair, instead read at a desk or the kitchen table (if there are no distractions). Read with an active reading posture by leaning over the book in an aggressive posture.
4. Do not do your reading at night or in bed, as you will fall asleep.
5. Read with a pen/pencil in your hands, so you can annotate. Underline key information, place “?” marks where you are confused, star key quotes.
6. After completing a chapter, write a quick summary of important facts/the main information in the chapter. In this way you will have a mini study guide for the test.
7. As you read, mark vocabulary words you do not know by circling or squaring them. After you finish the chapter, look up the vocabulary words you did not know to ensure you understood what you read.