

**Summer Reading 2011
Rising Senior College Prep**

I Beat the Odds: From Homelessness, to the Blind Side, and Beyond by Michael Oher with Don Yaeger

Who Moved My Cheese? For Teens – Spencer Johnson, M.D.

Assignment #1 – *Who Moved My Cheese?*

Make a poster that reflects the changes you *have faced* in high school. Also, on the back of the poster, illustrate what changes you *anticipate* in the next few months. So, yes, this is a two-sided project. Be creative and have fun with it! Use the half-size poster board which is about 11x14 inches.

Assignment #2 – *I Beat the Odds: From Homelessness, to the Blind Side, and Beyond*

While reading the novel, please record 10 journal entries of at least ½ page each (handwritten).

Date:	Topic of Entry:	Pages Covered:
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What should you put in the journal entries? I want your *thoughts* and *reflections*, NOT a plot summary. I want you to *respond* to the characters, their actions and decisions, unfamiliar vocabulary terms, etc. If you need help, use the following questions, but don't feel like you are "bound" to them.

1. Discuss your reactions to what is happening in the book.
2. Describe what you have learned from the story.
3. Explain why you would or would not recommend this book to someone else.
4. Define any unknown vocabulary or terminology.
5. If you could have a conversation with one of the main characters from the book, what would you say to him/her?
6. Describe the main character(s).
7. Are you like any of the characters? Explain.
8. Has this book made you question anything about your life, future, relationships, etc?
9. Describe the setting of the story.
10. Describe a reoccurring theme of the book (a universal message)
11. How has this book opened your eyes to people who are "different" from you?

The books need to be read in their entirety and the journal and poster completed by Wednesday, August 17. In addition, we will spend about two days discussing the novel before being tested on the material.

Please email if you have any questions: Anordhorn@gracebc.org