**8th Grade Final Exam Writing Assignment**

This year we have read a wide range of novels, many of which discuss themes of growing up or independence. As you prepare to leave Davis, think about 3 events while at school which shaped you in some way. Pair each event with a theme from the novels we read this year. It is unnecessary to give long plot summaries or characterization. I would like this to be a first person essay comparing your growth and learning at Davis to the themes below.

**Themes:**

* Life is not always fair.
* Only the strong survive.
* Stand up for what you believe in.
* Take the road less traveled.
* Be yourself, be proud.
* Censorship limits thoughts.
* Knowledge is power

**Requirements:**

* 2 + pages
* 5 paragraphs (full intro, body, and conclusion)
* 3 themes discussed with minimum of 3 personal connections (one per theme)
* MLA format
* Proper spelling and grammar
* Attention to word choice, voice, and sentence fluency

**Important notes:**

This is an IN CLASS essay ONLY. Please no outside help from other students, parents, or tutors. Keep your ideas and personal connections private. This is NOT a collaborative paper. \*\*\*\*

This counts for 25 points of 100 points on your final exam!