

## **Stargirl Final Project**

The novel, *Stargirl*, is all about the struggles and peer pressure Stargirl faces as she tries to be an individual in a world that prizes conformity. As an 8th grader and leader in our school, you have the power to influence younger students and others to create and promote a culture of either conformity or individuality.

Write a letter to a 6th grade student that addresses the issues of peer pressure and conformity that arise in *Stargirl* and gives the student advice on how to deal with these issues as he/she continues on in his/her middle school career. You must use textual evidence from *Stargirl* and the nonfiction article(s) read during our unit. You should also include evidence from your own personal experiences.

Your letter should:

- Have a heading (including name, assignment, ELA 8 Period #, and date)
- Be 2-3 pages in length
- Be in letter format (with a date, greeting, and closing)
- Typed in Times New Roman, 12 point font, and double spaced
- Include citations for any textual evidence used
  - Citations should look like this: (Author's Last Name Page #)
  - Here is an example: (Spinelli 13)
- You DO NOT need a Works Cited page

Please hand in 2 copies of your letter: 1 for grading and the other to deliver to one of the 6th graders in our school.

To ensure your success, please use the rubric and provided checklists and follow all deadlines below:

**First Draft Due:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Final Draft Due:** \_\_\_\_\_

# **Stargirl Final Project Checklist**

Use the checklist below to ensure that you have completed all parts of the assignment:

My project....

- \_\_\_\_\_ has a heading (including name, assignment name, ELA 8 Period #, and date)
- \_\_\_\_\_ is in letter format (with a date, greeting, and closing)
- \_\_\_\_\_ is typed in 12 point Times New Roman font and double spaced
- \_\_\_\_\_ is 2-3 pages in length
- \_\_\_\_\_ stays on the topic of conformity and peer pressure and has a clear topic sentence or thesis statement regarding this issue
- \_\_\_\_\_ gives advice relevant to a 6th grader
- \_\_\_\_\_ has an introduction, several body paragraphs, and a conclusion that explains why what I have written is important rather than just a restatement of my introduction
- \_\_\_\_\_ uses evidence from the texts (*Stargirl* and nonfiction article) as well as my personal experiences to support my topic sentence and the message of my letter
- \_\_\_\_\_ all textual evidence is cited correctly
- \_\_\_\_\_ has two copies of my letter printed
- \_\_\_\_\_ has been proofread for errors

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**Final Draft Due:** \_\_\_\_\_