



The Middle School summer reading selection is **The First State of Being** by Erin Entrada Kelly. After reading the novel, **choose one** of the following activities to complete. Students should bring this activity with them on the first day of school to turn into their English teacher.

1. Write a one-page biography of one character. Use textual evidence from the book to support the biography. Write facts about the character in chronological order, even if they weren't presented that way during the story.

2. Write a well-constructed five-paragraph essay responding to the following prompt. Identify the book and author in the first paragraph.

Prompt: Often in works of literature, something positive can emerge from a difficult situation. In a well-developed essay, describe a situation in the novel in which something positive emerged from a difficult situation, and explain how something positive emerged. Be sure to use textual evidence and display a clear understanding of the book.

3. Choose a character you found interesting from the book. Think of his or her likes and dislikes. Then, think of a gift you would like to give to that character. Design a greeting card to go along with the gift in

which you explain why you have given that gift. Be sure to use textual evidence and display a clear understanding of the book.

7th and 8th Grade:

1. In addition, 7th and 8th grades should include an analysis of one of the prevalent themes from the novel. This should be submitted in written format and contain multiple examples of textual evidence that demonstrates the importance of the theme to the development of the plot of the story.