

The student will read a book from the approved list and then prepare an electronic media presentation which will entice fellow students to read the book.

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Eighth Grade Reading Project

- Choose a book from the selected lists. These lists are available on line and in the blue notebook in the Huron Middle School Media Center.

The purpose of the project is to read a book that is widely considered to be one of the best books for teens. After reading and reflection, the student should prepare a PowerPoint presentation that will entice fellow students to read the book.

Criteria

- PowerPoint presentation must consist of at least five slides.
- The book's title must be underlined or italicized.
- Author's name should be capitalized.
- Font size should be no smaller than 24.

- “One day as I was walking past the public library in twenty-below temperatures . . . I went in to get warm and to my absolute astonishment the librarian . . . asked me if I wanted a library card. . . . When she handed me the card, she handed me the world.” Author Gary Paulsen commenting on his childhood in *Authors & Artists for Young Adults*.

An open book is shown from a top-down perspective, lying flat. The pages are numerous and thin, creating a fan-like effect as they spread out from the center. The text on the pages is small and mostly illegible, but some words like "Yes, the", "starved.", "Still, every morning a", "family came out of this", "the nation", "waggon, destined to", "loadings of windows where", "First you must buy six mats.", and "to be", "men sat under" are visible. Overlaid on the book is the title "Soldier's Heart" in a large, red, serif font. Below the title, the word "By" is written in a smaller, red, serif font. At the bottom, the author's name "Gary Paulsen" is written in a large, red, serif font.

Soldier's Heart

By

Gary
Paulsen

Charley Goddard is a
Minnesota farm boy. He
has heard the songs and
he has heard the chants
and he is caught up in the
fervor.

He is like so many others
that are pulled into the
excitement of the Civil
War.



He runs off to Fort Snelling to enlist. He is only 15 so he needs to lie in order to get in to the Army.

Charley goes a boy,
but when he comes
back he is a man...
a man with a
soldier's heart.

Soldier's Heart

by Gary Paulsen

is a fictionalized account
of the real life person named
Charley Goddard. He did run off to
join the Army at 15.

He was severely wounded,
patched up and sent back to
Minnesota.

He died at the age of 23.

Sources:

Authors and Artists for Young Adults.

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<http://images.google.com/images?hl=en&lr=&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&q=civil+war+&btnG=Google+Search>

http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/l?cwar:1:./temp/~ammem_KVrk::displayType=1:m856sd=cwp:m856sf=4a40041:@@@@

<http://home.att.net/~dmercado/music.htm>

Soldier's Heart By Gary Paulsen

