

# 6th Grade Summer Reading

## No Summit Out of Sight

*By Jordan Romero*

**Rationale for choosing the book:** Part of the 6th grade curriculum will focus on geography, India and Mt. Everest. Having knowledge of the tallest summits, along with climbing conditions and information on the sherpas will help build your background knowledge for the history you will encounter this year. On the 6th grade team we also focus on personal goal setting, and Jordan is a true example and inspiration in this field! This book is full of fun facts, engaging events and it is truly inspiring. The book may seem big but I promise the pages turn quickly! Happy Reading!

**Book overview:** Jordan Romero climbed Mount Everest at age thirteen—and he didn't stop there. In this inspiring young adult memoir, he tells how he achieved such great heights.

On May 22, 2010, at the age of thirteen, American teenager Jordan Romero became the youngest person to climb to the summit of Mount Everest. At fifteen, he became the youngest person to reach the summits of the tallest mountains on each of the seven continents. In this energizing memoir for young adults, Jordan, now seventeen, recounts his experience, which started as a spark of an idea at the age of nine and, many years of training and hard work later, turned into a dream come true.

**Assignment:** After reading the book, **choose 10 of the 15 questions** listed below. Please type these answers in a **Google Doc** as you will be required to submit via Google Classroom during the first full week of school. Copy and paste the question and then type your response below. Please read and answer the whole question in complete sentences, as many contain various parts.

Any questions, please email Mrs. Koussa at [mkoussa@independence.k12.oh.us](mailto:mkoussa@independence.k12.oh.us)

1. Examine the way Jordan first got interested in the seven summits. How influential do you think his family's lifestyle is to this interest? What is his family's motto? What would yours be?
2. How did Jordan impress his dad with his goal? What would it take to impress one of your parents about a goal you have? Paraphrase why there are actually eight mountains for someone to climb to reach the goal of the seven summits.
3. How does Jordan's mom react to his new goal? How would yours? What challenges does Jordan face in his home life? How does he handle it? What do you think would be the most difficult part?
4. Explain what was even more important to Jordan than becoming recognized for his climb as

the youngest on Mount Kilimanjaro? Why did he get so much attention for this climb? Would you, too, like to set a record of some sort?

5. If you were going to film footage of Jordan's preparation for Denali in a video blog, what five clips would you include? Why?

6. Create 7 tweets as if you were Jordan on each summit adventure. Write the tweet with a hashtag(s) that capture the mood/tone/setting.

7. What do the Tibetans call Everest? How do they treat her with reverence? Describe the ceremony they participate in before the climb.

8. Summarize the most frightening part of the trip near Crampon Point. Would you be able to go on after witnessing this event? How close was Jordan to not coming back from Everest?

9. Describe life at base camp. How do you think we can build camaraderie like this between nations with such diverse backgrounds off of a mountain? How do the other climbers treat Jordan?

10. Jordan is not certain that all things will cooperate (like weather) for the chance to him to summit at Everest. How hard would it be to not make it at this point for him? How hard would it be for you? How is disappointment best dealt with? Explain how Jordan's training has paid off.

11. What was the summit experience on Everest like for Jordan? Do you think his sacrifices and training changed him as a person? How does his story inspire you?

12. Jordan's dad faced a great deal of criticism for taking him on these adventures. He finally says to the media, "You want to talk about irresponsible parenting? Let's talk about the million and some parents that are standing in a fast-food restaurant waiting to supersize their kid right now for dinner tonight." What do you think of his statement? Is he right? Which is actually more dangerous long-term?

13. Jordan has developed his own philosophy that he hopes will inspire other kids. Find a quote that best represents it and then respond to it in 3-5 sentences. What does it mean to you?

14. What is the author's point of view in telling his story? Why do you think the story is told in this point of view? What does it add to the story?

15. Create a list of at least 3-5 goals that you would most like to accomplish in the next year. Then, list the people who could most help you reach the goals.