

## ***Kidblog- Examples of a 4: (Includes all required elements from the grading rubric.)***

### ***Danny, Champion of the World, by Will Janson***

*Danny, Champion of the World* is a truly inspiring story by Roald Dahl. The main character, Danny, lives in an old gypsy caravan in England. He is a quiet boy, but he is very bright. He loves adventure, and he is always up for anything. His father owns a gas station and car repair shop. When Danny was young, his mother passed away, leaving only his father to raise him. His father is about the best father a child can ask for. He tells Danny stories, builds things with him, and even secretly taught him to drive at age 7! For Danny's 8th birthday, his father built him a soapbox car with full steering and a brake pedal. In the first week of his schooling, he wakes up in the middle of the night, and finds that his father is not there. He starts to become nervous. He gets up and looks around the gas station, and repair shop. Nothing. He sits on the front step of his caravan, waiting for his father. At last, he sees his father walking back down the road. Danny's father, being the great man he is, tells Danny exactly where he was. Up in Hazell's Wood, poaching pheasant. This is illegal to do, because the pheasants are owned by another man. He tells Danny all about it, and all of the great things his father taught him. A few days later, Danny comes up with an amazing plan to get as many pheasants as he can. I give this book a 10 out of 10, because I thought it was a great book about a father and son, and their miraculous journey together. I recommend this book to anyone who loves to read stories about somebody having a truly amazing adventure.

### ***Finally, by Tasmin Owen***

*Finally*, by Wendy Mass, shows the struggles of an amazing middle schooler. Rory Swenson, the main character, lives with her family in Willow Falls. For her whole life, she has wanted to be twelve. This is because of her parents. Her parents tell her to "wait til' your twelve" all the time. They are very overprotective and hope that she is always okay. Rory is a shy type of person that seems to fade into the background. People think that she is into books and is bit of a nerd. She wishes she could be popular but nobody likes her. Except for her two friends, Anabelle and Sari. They are all grown up and Rory still seems like a baby. Rory can't wait to go out there and actually enjoy life. She will finally be able to get a cell phone, pierce her ears, get contact lenses, and shave her legs. Unfortunately, when she tries these things it doesn't go the way she planned. As a matter of fact, her whole ear puffs up from getting it pierced. After this, things go downhill even more. Especially when they film a movie at her school with the legendary Jake Harrison. Rory is an extra but because of her accidents Jake laughs at her. She always has to stay in the back. Rory soon creates a special relationship with Jake and manages to fight her way into the crowd. This book was very funny. Poor Rory! Life seems to go from bad to worse for her. This showed me what I should and shouldn't do in middle school. Rory was so realistic and she realized that she didn't need everything to be amazing. Everyone is unique in their own way. I give this book a ten out of ten.

## *Schooled, by Aline Ashkarian*

*Schooled*, by Gordon Korman, is a fascinating book. Capricorn Anderson (Cap for short) is a boy who “lives in the sixties”, has long hair, and wears tie-dye shirts. Cap is generous, caring, and giving and is always willing to help someone in need. He lives at Garland Farm with his grandmother Rain. Garland Farm is very different from the cities. There is no television, phones, or anything electronic (besides light). The problem starts when, Rain falls off a tree and ends up going to the hospital. Now, Cap has to go to the city to be taken care of by Mrs. Donnelly and Sophie Donnelly. Cap has trouble adjusting to the new life and ignores the fact that the people he lives with don't like him. The problem gets worse when Cap goes to a new school and doesn't fit in. Sophie calls him a frekazoid every time she gets the chance and people pick him for president to make fun of him. He doesn't even know what a president does! He tries to be nice to everyone to fit in. Once he gets adjusted to the new life, he ignores the teasing and doesn't let the mean remarks of people at school bother him. This all happens until, he does something amazing. An incident happens at school, which sends Cap to the hospital. Luckily, in the hospital he sees Rain and they go back home. To see the unexpected ending, read *Schooled* by Gordon Korman.

This is an amazing book to read. My favorite part is when Cap goes to the hospital and sees Rain. I liked this book because at first, students didn't like Cap because of how he looked but after a while they got to know him and started to like him. This book teaches me to never judge a person by it's cover. I give this book a 10 out of 10.

## Example of a 2:

### The Lemonade War

If you like lemonade and fun wars then this is a fantastic book for you. The Lemonade War is about a guy named Evan Treski and Jessie. His younger sister, Jessie, is super smart but not that good at understanding people. Feelings are her weakest subject. They both get in a huge fight. "You might be smarter than me but I am smarter at earning money", what Evan would say. So their lemonade war begins, there is no telling who will win or if there fight will ever end. My ranking for this book would be a 8 out of 10. I suggest you read this book, I hope you love it.

The title of a novel should be underlined or in italics.



The problem in the story is unclear.



What are the reasons for this rating?



Where does this story take place?

## Example of a 1:

### Elliot and underworld war

Elliot is a young boy that goes trick or treating and sees a girl in a brownie costume ok not a costume at all. A brownie is a respectful underworld creature they must fight against the goblins and she picks Elliot to be their king find out what he says in elliot and the underworld war.

The title and author of the novel should be included, with proper form., in the introduction.



Where does this story take place?  
(Setting)

Problem?  
Characters?  
Rating?