

Alternate Winner, LAL Nebraska 2016 Level I
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Teacher: Karen Boatright, Book: *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand

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Dear Laura Hillenbrand,

I learned many life lessons from the book *Unbroken*. I really enjoyed the story, and Louis is the type of person I want to be like when I grow up. He taught me to follow my dreams, be loyal, and never give up.

I learned when you get the chance to accomplish your dreams, take it and never give up. Louis wants to qualify for the Olympics, and he accomplishes it. He places 5th place in the 5,000 meter run. One day I want to be a pitcher in the MLB. I have had that dream for a long time now and I haven't given up, just like Louis.

I also learned to be loyal to other people. Louis and Phil survive forty-seven days at sea, so they have to be loyal and cooperate with each other to survive. Furthermore, Louis never tells any information about the United States when he is a prisoner at the POW camp. One time I held my brother's books for him when he was on crutches, so I was loyal to him when he needed my help.

A final life lesson I learned was that you should never give up in life. Louis has to hold a board up while he is a prisoner; and if he drops it, he will be shot and killed. He is also punched by the whole camp; and if he gives up, he would also be killed. Louis never gives up in any of these situations. In my life, my baseball team almost came back and won the championship. Even though we were down the whole game, we never gave up. We were one run away from winning the game.

I learned from Louis that no matter how tough life is, you just have to work harder. Whenever you fight through obstacles, you succeed in life.

Sincerely,
Carson Bredemeier, Grade 6