

Markus Zusak's The Book Thief
Union-Endicott High School
English 9 Honors Summer Reading Project
The Power of Words

“Words - so innocent and powerless as they are, as standing in a dictionary, how potent for good and evil they become in the hands of one who knows how to combine them.”

-Nathaniel Hawthorne

PART ONE/Written component: How does The Book Thief reflect and exemplify the meaning of the quote written by great American author, Nathaniel Hawthorne? Your task is to address this question in an essay of no more than 250 words.

Requirements:

- 250 word MAXIMUM
- Times New Roman, 12 point font, double-space
- Use **at least one quote** from The Book Thief to support your writing. You may use more quotes if you wish, but they must be succinct and relevant.

PART TWO/Visual Aspect: Zusak’s compelling use of imagery in The Book Thief enables the characters, setting, and events to become alive in the minds of his readers. Choose one quote or image from the novel that you find meaningful, and create a visual representation. Feel free to use your own creativity, imagination, and innovation! Be sure to include the quotation and page number with your visual. The ideas listed below are just possibilities. If you have a better idea, then please feel free to go in that direction. You might choose to tie your visual to your essay, but you do not have to do that.

Possibilities:

- scrapbook
- painting/drawing
- 3-D creation (ex. diorama, clay figure, etc.)
- Poster

