

Using My Books In The Classroom

Black Jack

-Have students write out some of the things Jack did outside the ring.

Dance With Me

-Put on some music and have students create their own signature dance move.

Diamond Life

-Create a poem made up of just sounds.

Hoop Kings & Hoop Queens

-Memorize a poem from either book.

I Am America

-Create a poem describing yourself by repeating the phrase "I Am..."

IF

-Create a story as if you are the person in one of the photos.

Let's Play Baseball & Let's Play Basketball

-Tell a story from the point of view of something other than a person. For example: a basketball, a pencil, a pair of socks, etc.

My People

-Pair students up. One student writes a poem about their friends and the other draws pictures or takes photographs for the poem.

Pick-Up Game

-Have one student write an opening sentence for a story on a sheet of paper. Pass the paper around and each student adds a sentence to create a story.

Rimshots

-Write a list of excuses for not doing your homework.

Short Takes

-Write haikus inspired by the book.

Stars in The Shadows

-Have the classroom perform the whole book as a play. One or more students can read the play-by-play. A group of students can perform the commercials. One student can perform each "Fan in the Stands" monologue.

The Mighty 12

-Have students write what they learned about a particular god or goddess.

Twelve Rounds to Glory

-Have students write out Muhammad Ali's life story as simply as possible.

Winning Words

-Students can select their own favorite quote, or one from the book and write a story based around the quote.