Boys in the Boat Vocabulary

Narrative – any type of writing that is concerned with relating a series of events. Story-telling

Non-Fiction – prose writing that is about real-life people, places, and events. Factual information

Resiliency – capacity to recover quickly from difficulties. Toughness

Didactic – intended to teach, particularly in having moral instruction as a motive. Teaching moment

Character – collective qualities that distinguish a person’s mental and moral strength; who you are or reputation

Humility – a modest view of one’s own importance;

Humbleness

Ego – a person’s sense of self-esteem

Paradox – A statement that seems to contradict itself.

Mantra – a slogan or statement repeated frequently

“Swing” – refers to an elusive sensation of near-perfection; when all rowers in the boat are in a “symphony of harmonic motion,” with no wasted energy. In the zone