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The Idea

- Jordan Romero lives in California and likes to play outside, ride his skate board and ski, but he doesn't like to hike.
- He was in fourth grade when he first saw a mural at his school showing the seven summits
- He told his dad that he wanted to climb all of the seven summits plus the Carstensz Pyramid.

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The Plan

- Jordan researched the summits and how difficult they would be to climb before talking to his dad and his step mom Karen
- Jordan wants to climb the summits with his dad and Karen because they have experienced many adventures
- The town can help Jordan to raise money for the costs of traveling to the different countries
- Jordan said, he would train extra hard to summit and they could travel around Jordan's schooling

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Training for Jordan's First Mountain

- Jordan has never really liked hiking because he hates to walk a lot
 - Jordan has always been a goal setter and will work on accomplishing that goal until he does
- When training Jordan hiked with his dad and Karen on mountains in Big Bear
- Jordan would hike everyday after school to get ready for his first mountain, Kilimanjaro
- On Christmas Day Jordan, his dad, and Karen summited San Gorgonio, a local mountain in California

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Climbing Kilimanjaro

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-On July 22, 2006 when Jordan is 10 he summited the 19,341 foot mountain, Kilimanjaro in Africa

-setting a world record of being the youngest person to summit

-On Kilimanjaro there are five different zones Jordan and his family climb through, the rainforest, heather, foggy moors, alpine, and summit zones

-Their guide Samuel has doubts that Jordan will be able to summit in the usual three days, but he quickly proves Samuel wrong

-Jordan is strong for his age and he keeps up with Samuel and the porters who are carrying their gear

-Jordan earns the nickname "little lion" by Samuel and the porters

- Jordan, his dad and Karen are fortunate enough to not have acquire altitude sickness while climbing unlike their friends Nikki and Faiz

Climbing Kosciuszko

- Jordan was 10 when he climbed his second and shortest mountain, Kosciuszko, on April 5, 2007
 - It's located in Australia and is 7,310 feet tall
- On their first and only attempt to summit it was foggy and rainy and Jordan and his crew were ready to turn around and try again tomorrow when they came upon Seaman's Hut and stayed there
 - this hut was made so that anyone who came upon bad weather could take shelter so they wouldn't pass away from the weather conditions
- Jordan and his crew summited the following day
- More and more people recognize who Jordan is while climbing
- The next day Jordan, his dad, and Karen went to the Australian Zoo

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Traveling to Elbrus

- Jordan continues to train with his dad and Karen by biking, hiking, running, and now practicing using his crampons and ice axe
- After the long flight to Moscow Jordan and his family found a small, old plane to Mineralnye Vody
 - the closest airport to Elbrus
- While driving to Nalchik, the access point for Elbrus, Jordan and his family were stopped tons of times by the police
- They had to have a Russian worker stay later to process their papers and then they went a hotel and luckily there was one room left

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Climbing Elbrus

- The morning the day Jordan was going to climb Elbrus he was talking to the lady at the hotel counter and she said when he came down after summiting she would make him his favorite meal, spaghetti, in celebration
- While climbing Jordan's dad got a sinus infection, but he continued to push through to the summit for Jordan
- This was the first mountain Jordan really started to feel the affects of the high altitude and cold temperatures
- On the way back down the mountain Jordan glissaded since he didn't have his skis
- Jordan and his family basically ran back down the mountain instead of staying another night on it
- Jordan ate his spaghetti but it was terrible
- That night Jordan, his dad, and Karen learned that sunscreen is a necessity when climbing mountains to protect them from the sun's rays and the rays reflecting off the snow

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