



Summer Reading Assignment

Freshmen/Academic/Honors

ASSIGNMENT IS DUE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

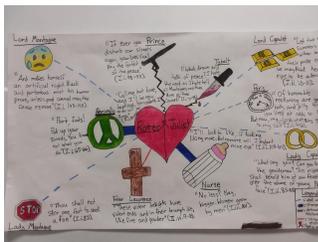
All incoming freshmen students are required to read Christina Diaz Gonzalez's *The Red Umbrella* and complete the assignment below.

Directions: Create a Literary Sociogram for the novel's characters. Simply, you are creating a visual representation of the relationships that develop in the novel. You will use symbols, quotes, lines, and distance to accurately represent the relationships between the main character, Lucia Alvarez, and the other characters in the novel.

Steps:

1. Place the central character at the center of the diagram. Place the rest of the characters at a distance that best represents the relationship with the main character. Each character name needs to be accompanied by a symbol and a quote from the story best representative of the character. Include the page number with the quote.
2. Connect the characters to the main character with a line of some type. A wavy line could represent a rocky relationship, a thick, bold line could represent a solid relationship, etc.
3. Color your sociogram with hues that are also representative of the character. Neat, colorful, accurate are the expectations. Include a legend for both lines and colors so the viewer has a clear understanding of the relationships.

Example of a literary sociogram from Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* done this year.



Honors Assignment:

Freshmen Honors: In addition to reading *The Red Umbrella*, students are required to read *With Their Eyes: September 11th: The View from a High School at Ground Zero*. Students are required to interview three people of varying ages about their personal experiences from September 11, 2001.

Keep in mind, your interview should reveal experiences on that day. Be sure your interviewees have some interesting and relevant information to share. While interviewing, if you are finding that is not the case, please find someone else to interview.

Each interview should be approximately two pages, including questions and answers. Interviews must be typed, 12 font, and in Times New Roman font.