

Mrs. Franzese's 11th grade Summer reading assignment

Assignment description: Students are to read **When I Was a Puerto Rican** by **Esmeralda Santiago** and **Before We Were Free** by **Julia Alvarez**. They are to analyze the characters of Esmeralda and Anita and compare how these characters are portrayed in each of these books. They are also to analyze the writing style of each of these authors and take note of differences and similarities in the writing strategies used to illustrate each of these characters. Students will develop an explanatory/informational writing piece that portrays the analysis of both of the characters, Esmeralda and Anita, and the writing strategies used by both Santiago and Alvarez. As part of your character analysis, describe the conflict that Esmeralda and Anita are facing and explain what is being revealed about these characters through the way in which they resolve their conflict. Be sure to include textual evidence to support your response.

Due date: September 2017 – Students will be expected to turn in the informational essay within the first week of school.

Essential Question: How does the author's use of writing strategies impact the development and portrayal of both characters?

Objectives/Learning Targets: Students will understand how the choices made by an author impact the understanding of the reader in regard to the various writing strategies being portrayed in the writing.

Have Fun with the Assignment! They are both great books!

Enjoy your summer!!!!