

# Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English Summer Reading Assignment

## Ms. Prampin/Ms. Stoney

### Novel Assignment

**Focus Question:** How do the events in the **plot** help support the **theme**?

How does the events **relate** to events in **today's society**?

**Background:** Every story has a **theme** – a life lesson or moral. Usually, readers can identify the theme to an overarching topic by analyzing the events in the plot. How does the plot help you to determine the big idea/moral of the story?

**TASK:** You must read the book and use a graphic organizer or a notebook to **select a theme** record evidence of how the theme is supported by the different events in the plot.

### Steps to Success:

1. Scholars must read the novel, All American Boys by Jason Reynolds.
2. You will be **assigned certain pages and every two weeks, you MUST submit your response to the assigned sections by the due date via Google Docs under the assigned assignment.**
3. **Keep notes** about the **events** in the **plot and theme** on graphic organizer or notebook as your own personal for when we return to school.
4. Use **the Outline** to help you **draft and publish** your essay on Google Doc.
5. **Your essay**, Must include a **Cover Page**: Title that relates to the theme of your essay, **Heading**: First and Last name, and Date.
6. **Structure**: Essay MUST be typed, 12 Font, Times New Roman, Double Space.
7. Be ready to share your outline.

Assignments are **DUE Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Points will be deducted each day you submit the assign(s) late. Essays will NOT be accepted after September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020.** First couple of lessons will relate to the novel, so in order to properly participate and receive credit for the first Marking Period, You **MUST** read the novel. Essay and questions will also count towards your First Marking Period grades.

**READING PLAN:** All American Boys, by Jason Reynolds

**Week 1:** Read pgs. 5 – 82.....DUE Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**Week 2:** Read pgs. 85 – 162.....DUE Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**Week 3:** Read pgs. 165 – 246.....DUE Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**Week 4:** Read pgs. 250 – 310.....DUE Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### WEEKLY QUESTIONS

Questions will be assigned the day before the due date for each assignment!

Questions **MUST** be done via **Google Docs!!**

Use **RATER** to respond to the questions!

**Week 1: pgs. 5-82**

Describe the setting(s). How important is it? Does it help to set a mood?

**Week 2: pgs. 85-162**

Analyze TWO characters. Explain what they look like and what their personalities are like.

**Week 3: pgs. 165-246**

Identify the plot. Explain what the conflict is and how the main characters are trying to resolve it.

**Week 4:**

Define the literary term theme in your own words. What is the theme the author, Reynolds is trying to get across?

**Scholars, when completing the weekly assigned questions, and essay DO NOT  
PLAGIARIZE, if you are caught, you will receive a zero.**

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## **Checklist of your Outline**

### **Introduction**

\_\_\_\_ Introduce the book you read

\_\_\_\_ Introduce the theme of the book and author

\_\_\_\_ Identify events in the plot that helped you to identify the theme

### **Body Paragraph 1 (Event #1)**

\_\_\_\_ Define the 1<sup>st</sup> event (topic sentence) in the plot that helped you to identify the theme

\_\_\_\_ Explain why you think that event helped you to identify the theme

\_\_\_\_ Use one text based detail to prove your claim

\_\_\_\_ Explain how this detail supports the trait you have selected

\_\_\_\_ Use a second text based detail to prove your claim

\_\_\_\_ Explain how this detail supports the trait you have selected

### **Body Paragraph 2 (Event #2)**

\_\_\_\_ Define the 2<sup>nd</sup> event (topic sentence) in the plot that helped you to identify the theme

\_\_\_\_ Explain why you think that event helped you to identify the theme

\_\_\_\_ Use one text based detail to prove your claim

\_\_\_\_ Explain how this detail supports the trait you have selected

\_\_\_\_ Use a second text based detail to prove your claim

\_\_\_\_ Explain how this detail supports the trait you have selected

### **Body Paragraph 3 (Event #3)**

\_\_\_\_ Define the 3<sup>rd</sup> event (topic sentence) in the plot that helped you to identify the theme

\_\_\_\_ Explain why you think that event helped you to identify the theme

\_\_\_\_ Use one text based detail to prove your claim

\_\_\_\_ Explain how this detail supports the trait you have selected

\_\_\_\_ Use a second text based detail to prove your claim

\_\_\_\_ Explain how this detail supports the trait you have selected

### **Conclusion**

\_\_\_\_ Paraphrase your theme of the novel, and summarize the content of your essay

\_\_\_\_ Your overall thoughts or reactions to the character/book **OR** What life lesson have you learned based on the theme?

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