

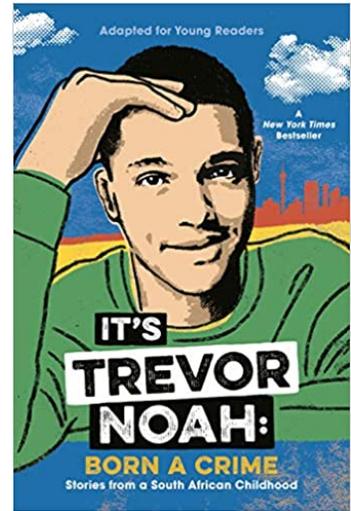
Welcome, 6th graders!

I'm so excited to get to know all of you! I hope we have lots of time to chat, swap ideas and even debate this fall--but what will we talk about?



I know! A book!

Trevor Noah is one of my favorite comedians. He films The Daily Show right here in NYC, he performs stand up comedy, and he even published an autobiography called [*It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood*](#). Trevor was born in South Africa in the 1980s, a time (kind of like right now) when black people had to fight for the equal treatment they deserve. If you follow the news and read this book, we'll have lots to talk about this fall.



The Assignment

Read	<p><i>It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood</i> by Trevor Noah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tip: Read this book a little later in the summer, so you don't forget the details by September.
Take notes	<p>While you read, pick out 2-3 passages that stand out to you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you're reading a physical book, put a bookmark/sticky note on those pages with a note about <i>why</i> you chose it.• If you're reading an eBook, highlight the passages and put a note on them.• If you're borrowing the book from the library, take notes on a separate piece of paper/Google doc, and be sure to write down the page numbers.
Write	<p>3 open-ended questions about the book that you want to discuss with your classmates. Open-ended means there's no one right answer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose questions that might get different answers from different readers
Write	<p>Write your answer to one of the questions you came up with.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Just write one paragraph. Please do not write more than 1 page.
Due	<p>September 14, 2020 You can write by hand or type it up, but please have your notes, questions and answer ready to hand in when you get to ELA class on September 14th</p>