

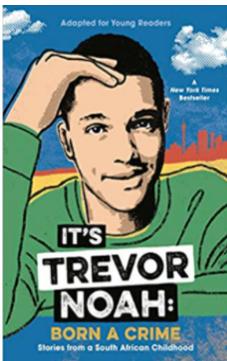
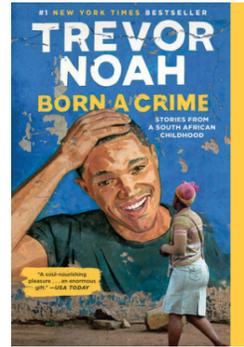


NEW EXPLORATIONS INTO SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY + MATH

7th Grade Summer Assignment 2020

Dear 7th Graders,

We are excited to announce our NEST+m 6-12 shared summer reading adventure. We will read Born a Crime by Trevor Noah, a memoir that shares his remarkable story of growing up in South Africa with a black South African mother and a white European father at a time when it was against the law for a mixed-race child to exist. But he did exist--and from the beginning, the often-misbehaved Trevor used his keen smarts and humor to navigate a harsh life under a racist government. In a country where racism barred blacks from social, educational, and economic opportunity, Trevor surmounted staggering obstacles and created a promising future for himself, thanks to his mom's unwavering love and indomitable will.



Tip: Sometimes when you read a book in June, you forget it by September. To keep the information fresh in your mind, take notes, and refresh your memory by reviewing key details before school begins. We suggest that you use post-it notes or use an e-highlighter to identify and record key events in the novel.

Book: Born a Crime (Adult Edition OR the Young Readers Edition). This is widely available in public libraries and bookstores.

Author: Trevor Noah

Assignment: Write a letter to a 4th-grade student

Due: Friday, September 14, 2020

Please follow this format for your letter.

- Paragraph 1:** Introduce yourself! Tell your penpal where you were when you read the book, share details about your summer and let them know about your favorite things to do.
- Paragraph 2:** Choose 2-3 passages that most stood out to you and explain why you chose them. Use at least two specific details from the book.
- Paragraph 3:** Tell the reader what lesson you took from this book. You can make connections to your own life or other books you've read to help explain the lesson. Again, be sure to use two details from the story.
- Conclusion:** Wrap up with your final thoughts on the book and pose 2-3 open-ended questions that you would like to discuss with others regarding the book.

Format: Typed, double-spaced, 12 point font. It should be no longer than 2 pages. If you don't have access to a computer and printer, please hand-write the letter neatly on loose-leaf paper. Don't forget to include your first and last name!