



Disclaimer

While *All American Boys* is considered a Young Adult (YA) Novel, it does contain moments of mild language and thematic elements including violence & racial prejudice. Despite this mature subject matter, the Lincoln High School English Department's goal is to recognize the "changing world" mentioned in the district's mission statement and provide a safe, inclusive, and understanding learning environment for our students, one in which we can discuss and analyze some of the more difficult issues that our students see in the world. We understand that this material may be sensitive to some students, so we encourage parents and students to reach out to us if there are any concerns regarding the text.

Assignment

During the first weeks of class next school year, we will dive deeply into the text and complete in-class writing assignments that test your knowledge of the book and demonstrate the level of your writing capability. As you read this summer, place 10 total 3x3 Post-it notes with commentary from you on pages that adhere to the following:

- 2 Allusions:
 - 1 reference to something outside of the text that you recognize and connect with. What does this reference do to enhance your understanding of the story?
 - 1 reference that catches your attention but is not something you're overly familiar with. What effect does this not-knowing have on you?
- 6 examples of the following literary elements & techniques:
 - 2 Perspective:
 - 1 example of societal perceptions regarding race, culture, etc... expressed in the text. What are your thoughts on this?
 - 1 example of literary perception (point of view, character growth, etc...) Comment on Reynolds' and Kiely's writing style.
 - 2 Symbols
 - 2 Imagery
 - 1 example of positive/light
 - 1 example of negative/dark
- 2 Theme/Connection: Mark two passages that speak to you personally, impart some strong lesson, and/or reflect the real world in which you live.

We will post helpful tips and articles intermittently throughout the summer on our Google Classroom page. Once you have a SFSD email address, you can go to Google Classroom and join this class with the join code: ol4fv6b.

Contact

Please use the information below to contact Mr. Shawn Bogart or Mr. Xavier Pastrano with any of your questions regarding Accelerated English I. We look forward to working with your students in our classrooms next year and we hope you have a wonderful summer!

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