

4th Prep ELA Summer Reading Guide
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Summer Reading Assignment: Read and annotate *Piecing Me Together* by Renee Watson. Make a collage reflecting your identity. This must be completed before the first full day of school.

Annotation Guide:

It is best to actually mark up your book when you read and annotate. However, if you have borrowed a novel from a library or friend and should not write in it, you may use sticky notes.

As you read *Piecing me Together*, keep an eye on Jade’s struggle with her identity and how she grows and changes over the course of the novel. Mark these moments. Note passages where the author provides both direct and indirect characterization of Jade.

- Direct characterization is describing the character in a straightforward manner: through physical description (blue eyes), profession (student, doctor), and passions and outside pursuits (soccer player).
- Indirect characterization is the process of describing a character through that character's thoughts, actions, speech, and dialogue. An author uses this type of characterization to guide the reader in making her own conclusions about a character.

Self-Portrait

On an 8.5x11 sheet of paper, make a collage that reflects your identity. Don’t just make an image of your physical appearance; incorporate your interests, beliefs, fears, thoughts talents, etc. Use at least three symbols. Remember a symbol can be an object, a word, an action, a color, or a person that has a deeper meaning. Consider cutting images or words from magazines and adding your own drawings. **Fill the entire page (no white space).**