

Social Studies Department
8th Grade Civics

Choose one of these books:

Red, White, and Whole
by Rajani LaRocca
ISBN: 978-0063047433

Superman Smashes the Klan
by Gene Luen Yang
ISBN: 978-1779504210

Summer Reading Questions: Answer in **complete sentences**. You may type your answers or write them on a separate sheet of paper.

Book chosen: _____

Author: _____

1. Why did you choose this book?
2. In an 8-10 sentence paragraph, summarize what happens in the story. Include the setting, main events/people, and conclusion.
3. What challenges occur in this person's story?
4. How does this person overcome these challenges?
5. Describe how the main character often felt like he/she didn't belong. What do you think contributed to this feeling? Have you ever felt this way?
6. If you were faced with similar circumstances or decisions, would you make different choices than the main character(s) made?
7. How does the story challenge our traditional picture of a hero? Can an ordinary person be a hero? Why/why not?
8. In five to seven sentences, tell this person's life story, capturing the most important aspects.

9. Choose one quote/passage from the book that you think is significant and explain why.
10. Would you recommend this book? What type of students do you think would enjoy it, or why wouldn't you recommend this book?