Honors Junior Literature and Composition
2026/2027 Summer Reading
The Berry Pickers

Objectives:

- Read *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters
- Complete the accompanying work for the text
- Be prepared to discuss and write about this text in-depth at the beginning of the school year

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***The Berry Pickers* Tasks:**

Essential Questions Annotations

- **Essential Questions:**
  - How does Peter's novel reflect the historical and contemporary struggles of Indigenous communities?
  - In what ways can our choices, or the choices of those around us, impact our identities later in life?
  - How does someone who is lost go about being found?

- **15-20 Sticky Notes:**
  - Using standard size sticky notes, annotate the book for moments that speak towards the essential questions → your notes should be analyzing how that moment relates to the E.Q.s. You will pass these in at the beginning of the year. See the model below:

Pg. 34: Essential Question #1

- Joe's family dismissed by police after Ruthie's disappearance–refusal to assist in locating her
- Highlights active discrimination of Indigenous communities in the 1960s
- The neglect on the part of the police directly leads to their inability to ever find Ruthie

*Follow this format so I can locate the referenced passages