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7th Grade Summer Reading Theme Assignment

Directions: Select ONE of the following novels. Read the novel and complete the theme questions in this packet. Use complete sentences and follow the directions carefully. You should have this completed by the first day of school.

Standards:

NJSLS.RL.7.1: Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

NJSLS.RL.7.2: Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text

NJSLS.RL.7.3: Analyze how particular elements of a story or drama interact

1. *Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys
2. *Unbroken (The Young Adult Adaptation or Original)*: An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive by Laura Hillenbrand
3. *The Benefits of Being an Octopus* by Ann Braden
4. *The Night Diary* by Veera Hiranandani
5. *Efren Divided* by Ernesto Cisneros
6. *Tight* by Torrey Maldonado

Directions: For the following theme-based questions, answer in complete sentences. **These questions must be answered in TFIQAC format and it is required that you use at least ONE piece of textual evidence to support your response.** Be sure to introduce your quote properly with a quote stem. Be sure that you properly cite your quote according to MLA format. Each answer should be a minimum of 7-8 well written sentences.

A quote can be *spoken or narrative text*. Please follow this example for quote format citing using the author's last name and the page number in parenthesis. **PUNCTUATION COUNTS!**

Follow this example!

"This is what a quote should look like" (Baskin 1).

1. How do characters in this novel experience **unfair judgment** based on **race, gender, ability, social class, ethnicity, etc.**? Pick ONE to explain.

ANSWER:

2. How do characters cope with difficult **obstacles** throughout the novel? Identify the obstacle and how it is overcome by the character.

ANSWER:

3. How do the characters experience internal conflict? (i.e. having self doubt, grappling with guilt)? Explain how one character deals with a major conflict within their mind and how specifically they cope with it or overcome it.

ANSWER:

4. In what ways do characters in your novel stay true to themselves throughout the course of their obstacles? Consider their decision making. (i.e. be themselves)? Explain how one character does this.

ANSWER:

5. Choose one character and explore the ways in which they persevere and exemplify “grit” (courage and strength of character). Think about the ways in which different settings influence their ability to overcome.

ANSWER: