IRB 2 – 9th Grade

Discrimination and Injustice

For this reading assignment, you will choose a book about discrimination and injustice to read from the following list. All books are readily available at libraries and I have limited copies of the books, which you may check out from me at lunch time. The books that I have lots of copies of are marked by a “\*”. You need to have the book in class by Tuesday April 16th. Some of the books contain disturbing images, so you need to share with your parents your choice and have your parents sign the bottom of this page.

*The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

*Cry, the Beloved Country* by Alan Patton \*

*The Power of One* by Bryce Courtenay

*The Color Purple* by Alice Walker \*

*A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines \*

All of these books represent a character’s maturation as they grow from child to adult. We will be looking at different cultures and how each of these cultures deals with the process of becoming an adult.

First 1/3: April 30th

Second 1/3: May 14th

Last 1/3: May 28th

Project: June 5th

Option 1:

For this artistic project, you must articulate a theme from your book. This should not be a scene from the book, but somehow related to a symbol, theme or problem in your book. For this project, you may not do a collage and your project must represent a finished and complete artistic representation. You are not graded on your artistic ability, but the effort that you put forth in the completion of your project. If you do a painting, it should be on a canvas, not on poster board or on cardboard. I WILL NOT ACCEPT PENCIL DRAWINGS.

Option 2:

Do a written comparison of a movie you think has a similar theme to your book. This should reflect specific details of your understanding of your text as well as your understanding of the movie. The paper should be 2-3 pages in length and analyze specific scenes from both.

Option 3:

You may write your own fiction. This should be a story that represents a theme or a problem that you see in our world that is exaggerated in the story you write. This should be at least 2-3 pages.

Option 4: Write a 2-3 page paper that describes in detail why you are similar/dissimilar to a character in your book. This should take specific details that describe the main character and compare them to specific elements of your personality or family life.

Option 5: Write an alternate ending to your book as if you are the author. On a separate page, write an explanation of why the ending should have been yours rather than the original.

Option 6: Write a journal entry as if you are another character in the book. Consider the climax of the story from their perspective rather than from the perspective of the main character.

For this assignment, I choose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I have discussed my choice with my parents.

Your Signature

Your Parent/Guardian’s Signature