

Reading Response of the Week

Trimester Two

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2.6

Desiree

2016

Reading Response

I am reading Popular by: Maya Van Wagenen.

I think the author's point of view is the best way to have this book.

I think this because the book is in her voice so if it wasn't, we wouldn't know what her life was like in highschool. We wouldn't know she was a "social outcast, and is invisible" like she said on page 8. Or we wouldn't know that she is "trying to change the way people look at people. Another reason why the point of view is good is because the story would be totally different. Instead of us knowing about the "popularity scale" on pg 8 that wouldn't be there and the book would seem fake. Also if it didn't say the "stereo types vs. Reality" on pg 7 it would seem fake too.

2.5

Anthony

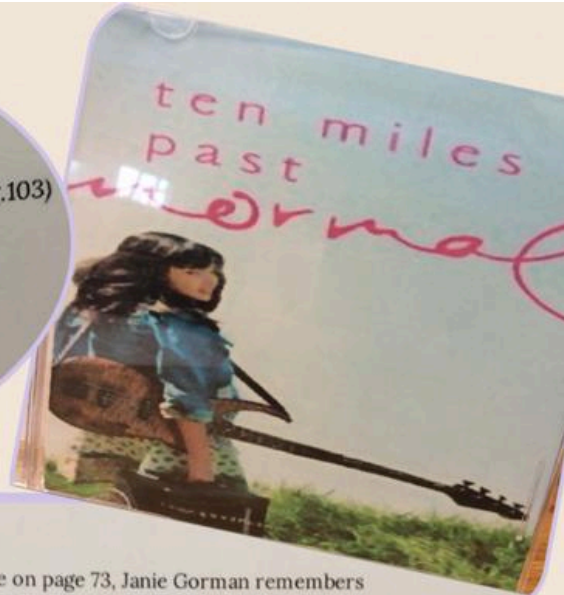
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Ella

I PICKED THESE FIVE SONGS TO REPRESENT EACH OF THE FIVE FACTIONS:

- DAUNTLESS- THE RECKLESS AND THE BRAVE BY: ALL TIME LOW
BECAUSE: THE DAUNTLESS RESPECT BRAVERY BUT SOMETIMES ARE VERY RECKLESS ABOUT IT.
- ERUDITE- ODE TO JOY BY: LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN
BECAUSE: THE ERUDITE ARE VERY SMART AND CLASSICAL MUSIC IS SUPPOSED TO MAKE YOU SMARTER.
- CANDOR- SECRETS BY: ONE REPUBLIC
BECAUSE: THE CANDOR ALWAYS SPEAK THEIR MIND AND THEY DON'T LIE OR KEEP SECRETS, SO I THOUGHT THIS WAS KIND OF IRONIC.
- AMITY- SANGRIA BY: BLAKE SHELTON
BECAUSE: THE AMITY ARE PEACEFUL AND THIS IS A VERY PEACEFUL CALM SONG.
- ABNEGATION- GRENADE BY: BRUNO MARS
BECAUSE: THE ABNEGATION ARE VERY SELFLESS AND THEY WOULD CATCH A GRENADE FOR YOU IF IT MEANT SAVING you.

- 1) Judge Not: Bob Marley (Pg.73)
- 2) Never Gonna Give You Up: Rick Astley (pg.103)
- 3) Girl On Fire: Alicia Keys (Pgs.68-69)
- 4) Different Worlds: Jes Hudak (Pg.85)
- 5) True Colors: Cyndi Lauper (Pgs.1-4)



Explanations for Each Song:

- 1) I chose Judge Not by Bob Marley, because on page 73, Janie Gorman remembers back to when she used to be with her old friends at a completely different school, and now only has one of her friends, Sarah, left. She explains how her old friends were good people and how Sarah was kind of pushy and mean. This explains that Janie was judging her friend which she shouldn't be doing. In the song, Judge Not, it explains how you shouldn't get judged on what you wear, what your culture is like. However, in general no one should get judged.
- 2) I chose Never Gonna Give You Up by Rick Astley, because on page 103, Janie had just found out that she was going to be taking up bass lessons even though she has never even touched an instrument before. As she loses doubt quickly that she will succeed, not only were her new friends there to encourage her, but also a girl named Meg also gained hope for Janie who she frankly didn't know existed until now. In the song, Never Gonna Give You Up, it explains how trying something new means never giving up and you need friends to help you get through that.
- 3) I chose Girl on Fire by Alicia Keys, because on pages 68 and 69, Janie and Sarah are offered to learn a new skill in school and after. (In this case, singing and bass playing.) Since neither of these girls have ever tried something so big, the fact that they agreed to it was a huge accomplishment knowing that one day they could perform on an actual stage. In the song, Girl on Fire, it explains how trying something new is already an accomplishment and how a girl can be "on fire" by doing something like what Janie and Sarah did.
- 4) I chose Different Worlds by Jes Hudak, because on page 85, the author talks about Sarah's family and how they are all different whether it's good or bad. After finally meeting Sarah's family, Janie doesn't feel like she's the only one who's truly different in the world and not the only one who gets judged. In the song, Different Worlds, it explains how two people come from completely different crowds, but are still the best of friends even when other don't want them to be.
- 5) I chose True Colors by Cyndi Lauper, because on pages 1 through 4, Janie is put through a lot of hard times, because she has to work on a farm that carries not the most fond smells. This leads to her clothes sometimes smelling bad, which causes kids to make fun of her and call her names. This shows her "true colors" of living on a farm to those around her during school hours.

2.4

Gavin

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Miranda C.

Reading Response 12-17-15

Just because...
Just because I am not white
doesn't mean I can't be normal

Just because 9/11 happened
doesn't mean I am a terrorist
doesn't mean everyone who a refugee is

Just because my dad isn't here
he not a killer
nor is he a bad person

Just because I am Nadira
I am human
I am a girl who has dreams and will proceed

This is my reading response for the
book "Ask Me No Questions". I was reading like
was the main character Nadira

Celia

Book: Bamboo People Poem from Chicko's point of view

I'm from Rickshaws and busy streets
From Lei, Daw Widow, and my mother
I'm from worrying about my father
And to me, he's like no other.

He was taken away
To fight for our country
I wish he could come back
And we're even low on money

I sit outside
And learn English
Even though it's dangerous
I want to become a teacher; that's my wish

My mother says it's trickery
Daw Widow wants me to go
I will leave for the job
And use everything I know

I have arrived at the job
With other children in there too
Before I even knew it
There was so much I was about to go through

The soldiers have come
I'm being taken away
I have to be strong
My father went through this one day

I'm told that I have to be here for three years
How will I ever make it through this?
I will do this for my mother
I will never again feel bliss

Reading Response #2.3



Between pages 80 and 86, Emily's mom explains to her the life before her time; how her grandmother died, because hospitals wouldn't allow her in simply because of her race. Everything she's learning now is all a huge shock to her and trying to imagine just how terrifying it truly was, was no help.

After finding out her family's history, she questions everything about her future. She hides her complex emotions from those around her, but when she's alone, she just can't help but let them out.



Jubilee Journey #

Dec. 14-16 #2.3

"Just Because Poem" inspired by [Does This Make My Head Look Big?](#)

Just Because I am Muslim
Doesn't mean that I am a terrorist
Doesn't mean that I carry a gun
I am taught to be friendly to all

Just Because I am Muslim
Doesn't mean that I have to wear the hijab
I get to choose what I wear
I wear it cause I want to

Just Because I am Muslim
Doesn't mean that I wasn't raised here
I am a proud citizen of **MY** country
Don't tell me to go back to where I came
I'm already there

Just Because I am Muslim
I went to Catholic school
I have friends of other religions
I go to the mall and have fun

Just Because I am Muslim
I do pray 5 times a day
I do fast during Ramadan

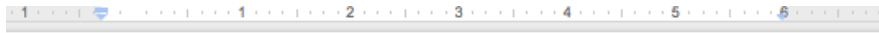
Just Because I am Muslim
Why do people judge me?
Why can't they trust me?
Accept me for who I **am**

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Cameron



Abby



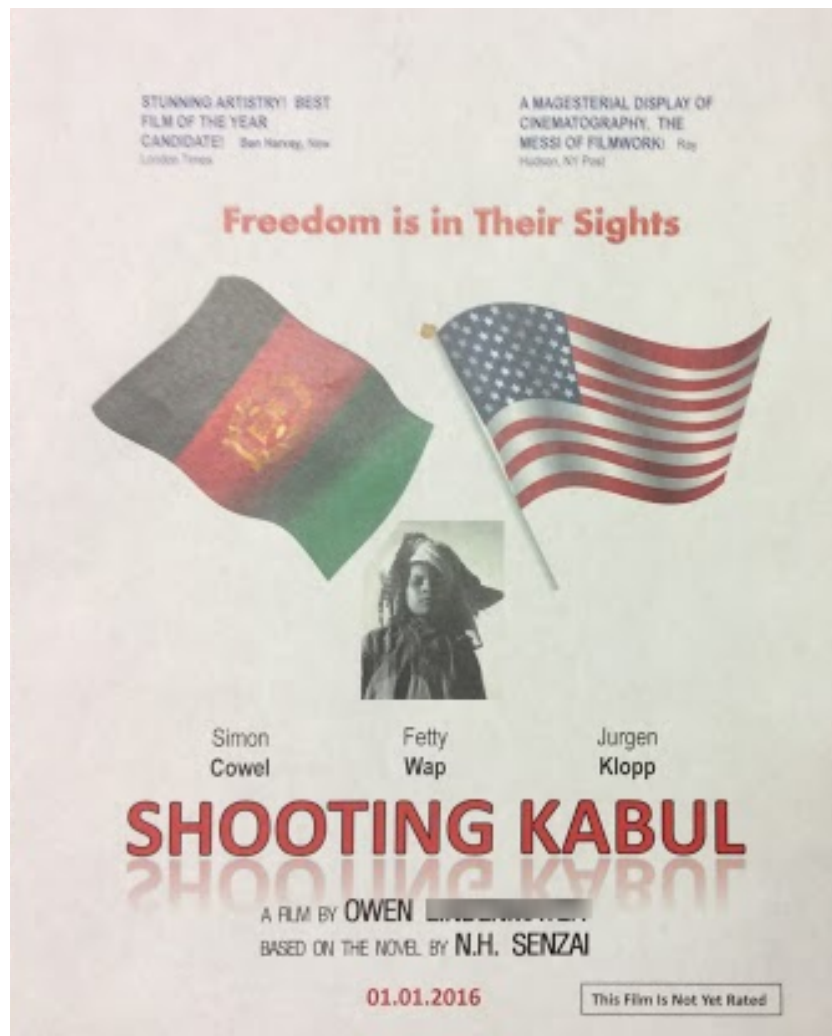
Fresh Clean Drinkable Water

Abby 

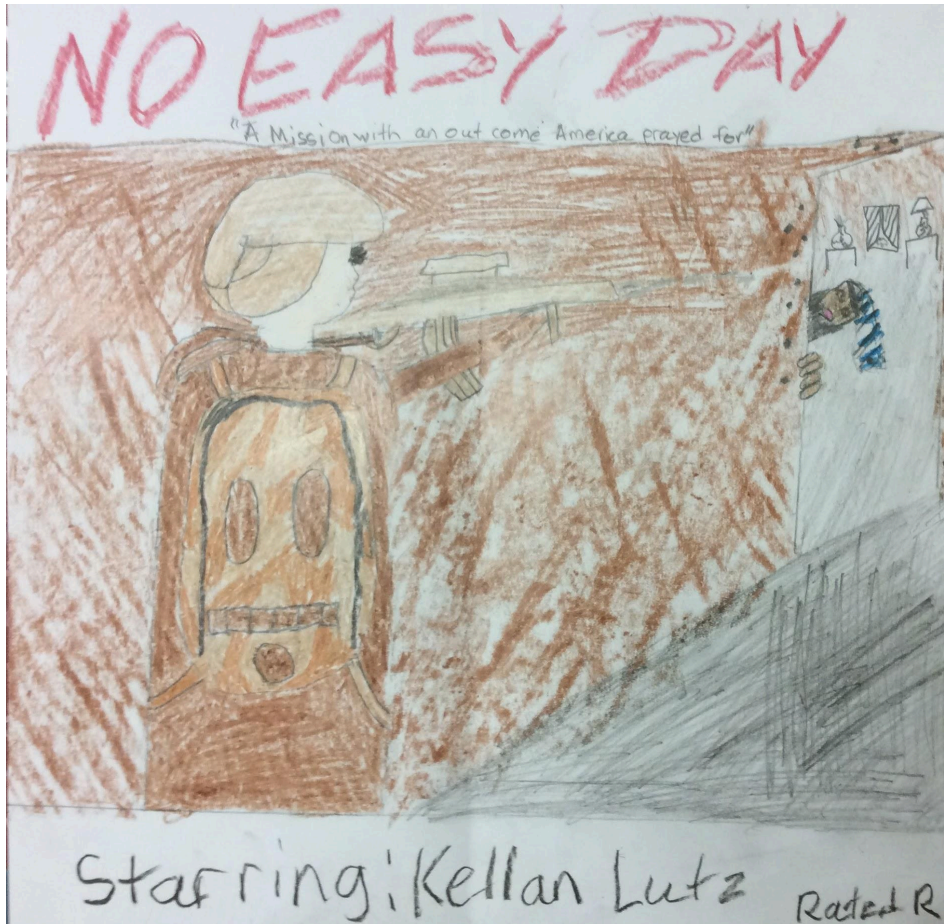
Do you ever find yourself in a situation where war has started in your country, and you flee, just to find yourself stranded with another boy who speaks a different language, AND neither of you have anything to drink? Well problem solved! With this bottle of water you can have a refreshing experience wherever you go! But wait, there's more. When you buy 2 bottles of you water, you get an iPhone with google translate for ABSOLUTELY FREE!!!!!!!!!! (Each bottle of water costs \$3,475) So order now at bottlesofwater.com.



Owen

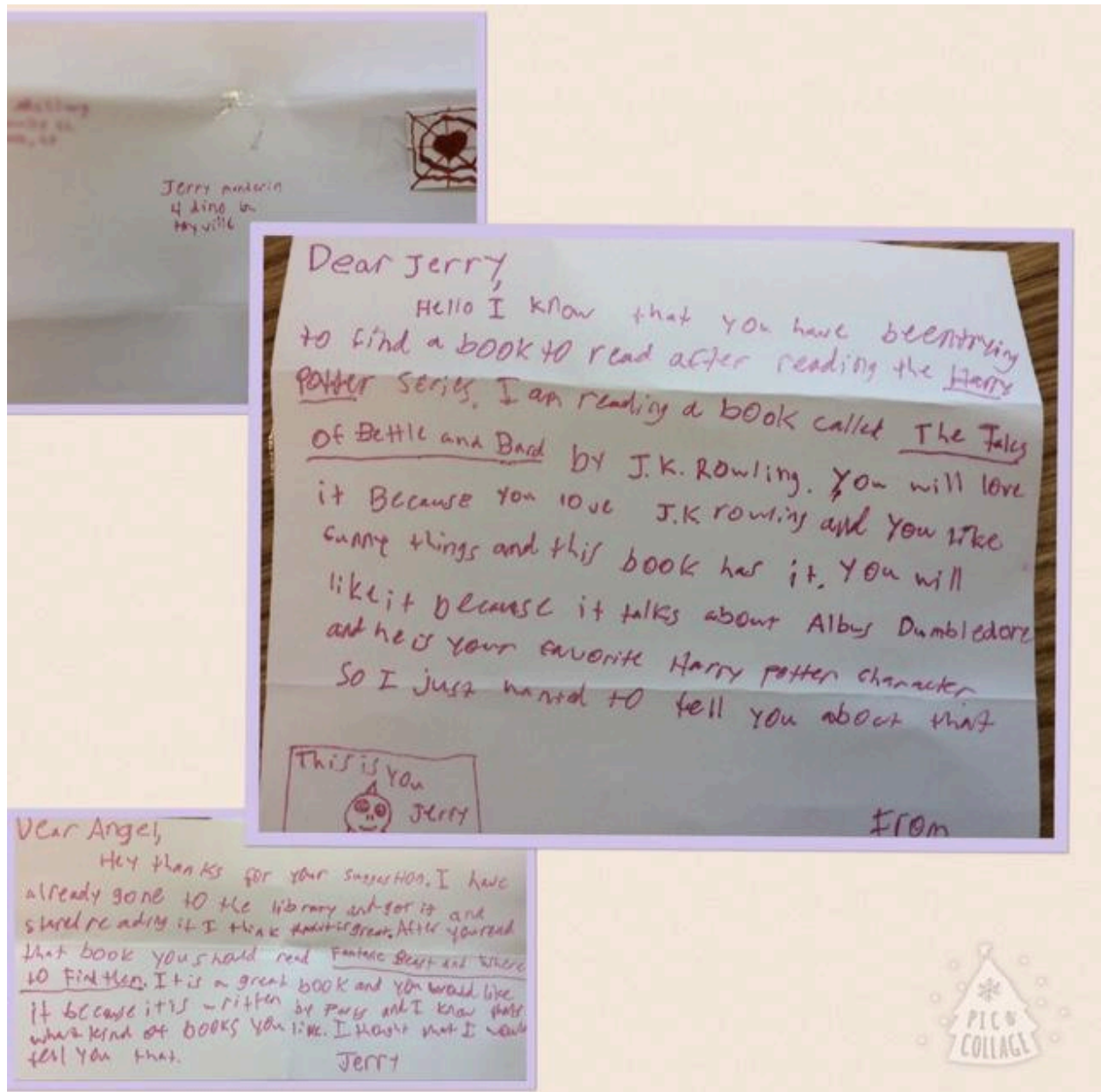


Treyvon



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Angel



Jose

Dear Ethan,

I'm reading a book called Three Wishes
By Deborah Ellis. It's about different
children ages 11-16 who talk about their
lives. My favorite child reading about
so far is Nora. She is in a wheel chair. She can't
go outside by herself because all the
Jewish soldiers will kill them. One day
she went outside by herself to the store
and bought gum. She was so happy when
she got home she told her older brother
and he snitched on her and her mom start-
ed yelling. I can relate to her because I
have a younger brother named Justin that
likes to snitch on me. I noticed that
Nora was not frightened by the soldiers
but was frightened of being caught by her mom.