

## DWIGHT SCHOOL ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Literary Perspectives
Grade 11/12 Summer 2023 Assignment
Ms. Fives



Please purchase *Discovering Wes Moore* by Wes Moore, ISBN: 0385741685. Read the book, annotating any parts that you find significant in any way. (*Content Notice*: This text contains references to drugs, racism and racial profiling, war, and death.) After you read the book, complete <u>all three</u> (3) of the below Tasks.

## TASK #1: Timeline

Create a visual timeline of Wes Moore's life using **at least fifteen (15) events** from Chapters 1-9. You may draw by hand on posterboard, or you may use an online app such as Canva or Creately. The timeline **must** include:

- at least five (5) people who are important in Wes's life;
- at least four (4) images (photographs, maps, diagrams, etc.) of your choice, found online, to illustrate events; and
- at least two (2) relevant, important quotes from the book.

You are *strongly encouraged* to build the timeline **as you read** so that you can keep the information clear and save yourself time and effort at the end.

## **TASK #2: Short Answer Questions**

Choose ten (10) of the twelve (12) questions from the list at this link: <a href="https://rb.gy/d1jpo">https://rb.gy/d1jpo</a>. Answer *all parts of each question* in complete sentences. Your responses for each question should be 3-5 sentences total and use specific details from the book. Type your responses in a Google doc.

You are *strongly encouraged to* read the list of questions **as you read** the book so that you can keep an eye out for – and recognize – the information that you will need for the answers.

## TASK #3: Media Review

After reading the book, creating your Task #1 timeline, and answering your Task #2 questions, go to the list at this link: <a href="https://rb.gy/uslgn">https://rb.gy/uslgn</a>. Choose and then listen to one of those podcasts or interviews featuring Wes Moore's story. Then, in a Google doc, write a review of your chosen podcast or interview. Your review must be at least one formal, well-written paragraph of at least 150 words and also **must:** 

- summarize the main points of the podcast/interview in your own words;
- make 2-3 specific connections to *Discovering Wes Moore*; and
- identify one piece of new information about Wes Moore that you learned from the podcast/interview, and explain why that information is surprising or important.

The work from all <u>three</u> of these tasks will be used in assignments and assessments during the first unit of the school year. So, on the <u>first</u> day of class, be prepared to submit your Task #1 timeline, your Task #2 answers, and your Task #3 media review. All work will also be submitted to anti-plagiarism and AI-detection sites. If you have any questions, or if you need guidance on how to manage the time required for these Tasks, email Ms. Fives at *kfives@dwight.edu*. Have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing you in September!