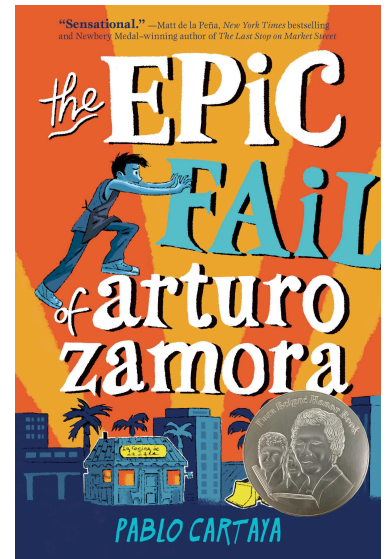
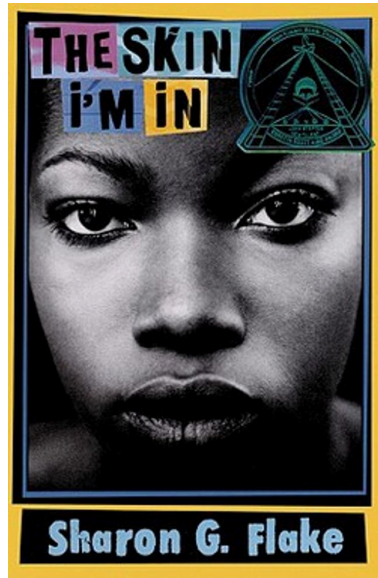




I.S. 392 Summer 2025 Reading Assignments

Incoming 6th Grade



The Skin I'm In by Sharon Flake

The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya

Task: The Skin I'm In, by Sharon Flake

Write a one-page answer to the following question: What does your face say to the world?
Create a visual portrait collage using a picture of your face and words to describe yourself.
Portrait collage will be your cover page and include your full name.

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Incoming 7th Grade

- ☐ Secret Saturdays by Torrey Maldonado
- ☐ iReady-25 minutes a week!

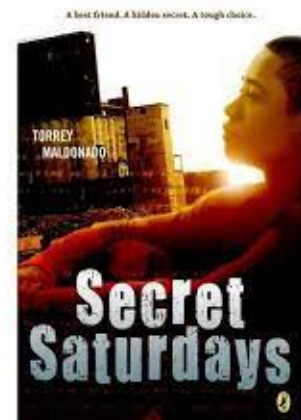
Task: Secret Saturdays by *Torrey Maldonado*

- Justin and Sean record their inner feelings and thoughts on the pages of their rhymebooks. Personify their books (imagine that their rhyme books came alive and now think, feel, and speak).
- Select either task A or B AND task C (**Everyone must do task C**):

A) Write what Justin's book would say to Justin

B) Write what Sean's book would say to Sean

C) Write a rap that you feel is missing in either of their books!



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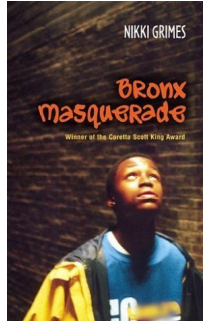


I.S. 392 Summer 2025 Reading Assignments

Incoming 8th Grade

- ☐ Bronx Masquerade by Nikki Grimes
- ☐ iReady 25 minutes a week!

Task: Bronx Masquerade by *Nikki Grimes*



- **Answer each of the following questions in 5-7 sentences each.**

- 1) Why would an Open Mike poetry reading encourage so many kids to share their innermost thoughts and feelings? Would creating music or painting pictures have the same effect?
- 2) Which student from Mr. Ward's class did you most identify with? Who did you have the hardest time connecting with?
- 3) Why do you think the author chose Tyrone as the most prominent narrator in the story?
- 4) How would this book be different if it didn't include the students' poems after each chapter?
- 5) Why do you think Mr. Ward never gets his own chapter in the story?
- 6) What do you think will happen to the students in Mr. Ward's class after high school? Will all their dreams come true? Why or why not?
- 7) How would this book be different if it were set in another city? Another state? Another country?
- 8) What do you think will happen in Mr. Ward's class next year?
- 9) Do you see parallels between any of the students in the book? Which ones?

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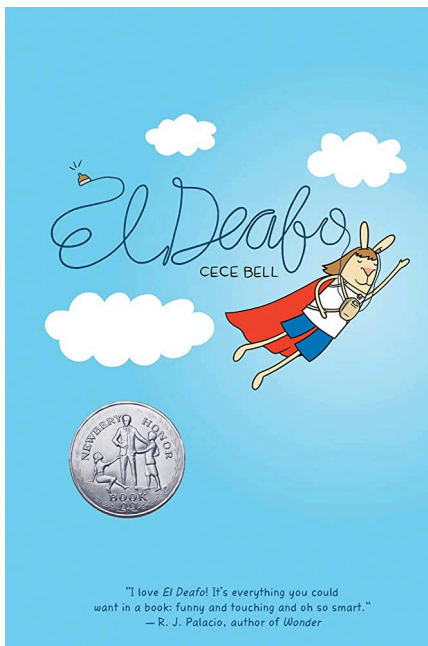


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El Deafo by Cece Bell (Graphic Novel) (Lower Lexile)

Task: El Deafo by Cece Bell

Think about your superpower and what makes **YOU** unique! When you are ready, use your art supplies to draw a picture of you using this amazing power. Make sure to write a description of your superpower at the bottom of your page as well as clearly describing how it can help others.



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