

Incoming 8th graders

Choose one of the following to read:

NONFICTION

Black Diamond (McKissick)

Before we were free (Alvarez)

Flight to Freedom (Veciana-Suarez)

FICTION

Romeite and Julio (Draper)

Sweetgrass (Hudson)

Stargirl (Spinelli)

After you have read your chosen text, choose one activity to complete. All of them have to do with thinking about culture. "A culture is a way of life of a group of people--the behaviors, beliefs, values, and symbols that they accept, generally without thinking about them, and that are passed along by communication and imitation from one generation to the next."

1. Write an essay in which you compare the culture you have read about to the one in which you currently live.
2. Create a collage that symbolizes the differences between your culture and the one you read about.
3. Prepare and record a speech discussing the culture of your story.

You may share all these documents with me at michelle.morton@redclayschools.com, or hand them in the first day of class. Welcome to 8th grade!