

## Summer Reading

Incoming 8th graders...

Choose **one** of the following to read:

### NONFICTION

Black Diamond (McKissick)

### HISTORICAL FICTION

Before We Were Free (Alvarez)

Flight to Freedom (Veciana-Suarez)

### FICTION

Romiette and Julio (Draper)

Sweetgrass(Hudson)

Stargirl (Spinelli)



After you have read your chosen text, choose **one** activity to complete.

*"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 (digitally or analog) that symbolizes the differences between your culture and the one you read about. Be ready to explain your choices to me.
3. Prepare and record a speech discussing the culture of your story. (There are a lot of options for this: voicethread is an easy one to use.)

You may share your document with me at

michelle.morton@redclayschools.com, or hand it in the first day of class.

Welcome to 8th grade!

Dr. Morton