

Incoming 8th Grade Summer Reading
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***"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."***

Choose **one** of the following books to read and **one** of the following assignments to complete.

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.

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 alyson.greenwood@redclayschools.com,
or hand it in the first day of class.

Welcome to 8th grade!
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