

ELA 7 Summer Reading Questions

Novel Notes—*The Crossover*

Please answer the following questions using complete sentences on a separate sheet of notebook paper.

1. What point of view is this novel told from? How can you tell?
2. How does the author's point of view create humor or relatability?
3. Describe Josh and Jordan's relationship. Explain how the author used key details to develop the relationship. Use evidence to support your answer.
4. What inferences can we make about the boys' father? Use evidence to support your answer.
5. What lessons has Kwame Alexander taught us so far? How do the characters and the setting develop the theme?
6. What prediction can you make about how the plot of this book will continue to contribute to these themes?
7. What can we infer about the narrator's character traits based on the two poems, "Josh's Play-by-Play" and "How Do You Spell Trouble?" Use evidence to compare how these two poems show his different character traits.
8. What are Josh's character traits? How do the other characters, setting, and plot influence his character traits?
9. What techniques has the author used to develop his characters and the plot?
10. In the poem "Second- Person" (page 114) the author shifts the point of view. How does this shift affect how the poem is being told/ written?
11. How does the author use figurative language in the poem "Storm" to describe the scene?
12. How does the author use the poem's structure in the poem "Storm" to contribute to its meaning?
13. What is the general mood/ tone at this point in the book?
14. What is the text structure of the poem "Text Messages from Mom, Part One"?
15. What is the text structure of the poem "At Noon, in the Gym, with Dad"?
16. Between the two poems mentioned in questions 14 and 15, which poem creates a stronger mood?
17. What does the poem "Questions" reveal to the readers?
18. Analyze the poem "Questions". What technique did the author use to develop the theme of this poem?
19. Which poem from *The Crossover* did you enjoy the most? Explain why.
20. What is your favorite basketball rule from the reading. Explain why.