

The Circuit Personal Essay: Life Lessons from the Novel.

Name _____ Class _____

Target: I can write a personal essay about a life lesson learned in the novel, The Circuit.

Assignment

Your personal essay will focus on a life lesson that Francisco Jimenez teaches in his autobiographical novel, The Circuit.

First, write an introduction that draws in the reader, provides background information about the novel, and provides a claim that reflects a life lesson that you feel connected to from the book.

Claim Examples: (you can use one of these or write your own)

- We can use Jimenez's experiences to see the world with greater compassion.
- Jimenez's story can help readers think about how they view and treat others.
- Through Francisco's struggles we learn how to have hope and perseverance.

Next, use the following chart to organize your supporting evidence. You need to include at least 2 - 3 examples from the novel to support your claim. You can embed text or you can paraphrase (explain in your own words) evidence from the novel. Then explain how this evidence impacts you as a reader and teaches you about your claim.

Finally, write a short conclusion that leaves your reader with a strong message that you learned from Francisco Jimenez's novel.

The Process: Each step is graded and you will have 3 - 4 class periods to work on your writing.

- Use the following planning pages for a **prewrite**.
- Type a **draft** using a google doc on google classroom
- **Revise and edit** with a peer
- Make revisions for a final copy and **self-reflect** using the criteria rubric
- Turn in **final copy** on google classroom.

Pre writing:

Claim Statement:

Supporting Paragraph Planning:

Conclusion lesson:
