

## CLAS Summer Reading Assignment - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Assignment #1 – Due Date: August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010

Email completed assignment to [Lydia@cultureandlanguage.org](mailto:Lydia@cultureandlanguage.org) by **AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2010**

- **Book – Hush** by Jacqueline Woodson
- **Assignment** – Write a book review

### Guidelines/Instructions

- Read the book Hush by Jacqueline Woodson
- Write a 1 page (4 paragraph) book review that does the following:
  - Has an introduction that includes:
    - A hook to get the readers attention
    - The title and author of the book
    - A brief summary of the book (no more than 3 sentences)
  - 2 body paragraphs:
    - Body paragraph #1 – strengths (what you liked) of the book
      - Topic sentence
      - Supporting sentences that include strengths of the book with relevant supporting details/examples
        - The strengths(what you liked) can include things like, character(s), dialogue/language, setting, themes, etc.
      - Concluding sentence
    - Body paragraph #2 – weaknesses (what you didn't like) of the book
      - Topic sentence
      - Supporting sentences that include weaknesses of the book with relevant supporting details/examples
        - The weaknesses(what you didn't like) can include things like, character(s), dialogue/language, setting, themes, etc.
      - Concluding sentence
    - Concluding paragraph #4
      - Recommendation
        - Explain if you would recommend the book or not.
        - Explain who you would recommend it to if you would.
        - Explain why you would/would not recommend the book.
- Review should be written in MAE(Mainstream American English) and proofread for spelling, capitalization and punctuation.

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Assignment #2 – Due Date: September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010

Email completed assignment to [Lydia@cultureandlanguage.org](mailto:Lydia@cultureandlanguage.org) by **SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2010**

- **Book – The Pact:** Three Young Men Make a Promise and Fulfill a Dream by Davis, Jenkins, Hunt, Page
- **Assignment** – Write an essay responding to the following prompt:

**Prompt – How do you achieve your goals when there are obstacles in your way?**

### Guidelines/Instructions

- Read the book: **The Pact:** Three Young Men Make a Promise and Fulfill a Dream by Davis, Jenkins, Hunt, Page
- Write a 5 paragraph essay responding to the prompt above
  - Your essay should have :
    - An introduction that includes:
      - A hook
      - A thesis(your answer to the question/prompt)
    - 3 body paragraphs that explain and support your thesis
      - Each body paragraph should have a topic sentence
      - Each body paragraph should have supporting details and examples
        - Use examples and details **from the book** and your own life to explain and support your thesis.
    - A concluding paragraph:
      - What was learned?
      - Explain the most important message for the reader
      - How does the reader achieve their dreams in spite of obstacles.