

Summer reading
Grade 7
Summer 2016

Texts

Witnesses to Freedom: Young People Who Fought for Civil Rights, by Belinda Rochelle.
A Mighty Long Way: My Journey to Justice at Little Rock Central High School, by
Carlotta LaNier

Focus question

How does adversity shape a person's identity?

Essay

Read both assigned texts.

In an essay, discuss three of the people described in the assigned texts - choose Carlotta LaNier and two of the people in *Witness to Freedom*. For each person, explain how that person experienced adversity, and how that experience affected or changed that person.

Your essay will be at least five paragraphs long, and include an introduction, at least three well-organized body paragraphs, and a conclusion. It will answer the focus question clearly, thoroughly supported by specific details from the text. It will follow the rules of correct English, and be carefully revised for good spelling, grammar, punctuation, and capitalization.

Your essay will be part of your grade for the first quarter.

Submission

Your essay will be due on the first day of school. It will be a neat-looking final draft. You have three submission options:

1. Typed, submitted on paper.
2. Neatly printed by hand in blue or black pen on looseleaf paper.
3. Written online as a Google Drive document, and shared with me at joneshe@cpsboe.k12.oh.us. Please choose 'can edit' from your list of sharing levels.

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