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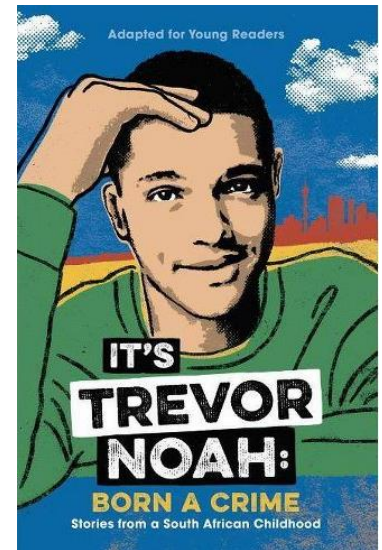
Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School Freshman Summer Reading Assignment

The Book

It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood
(Young Adult edition)

Trevor Noah, host of *The Daily Show* on Comedy Central, shares his remarkable story of growing up in South Africa with a black South African mother and a white European father at a time when it was against the law for a mixed-race child to exist. But he did exist--and from the beginning, the often-misbehaved Trevor used his keen smarts and humor to navigate a harsh life under a racist government.

In a country where racism barred blacks from social, educational, and economic opportunity, Trevor surmounted staggering obstacles and created a promising future for himself thanks to his mom's unwavering love and indomitable will.



This honest and poignant memoir will astound and inspire readers as well as offer a fascinating perspective on South Africa's tumultuous racial history.

(excerpt taken from Amazon description)

This assignment aligns with Common Core curriculum and fiction reading strands.

The Assignment

Every student in grade 9 shall be required to read this novel**. Students may take notes on the novel, provided they are handwritten and in their own words. An in-class assessment will take place during the first academic week for each cycle. English teachers will also be using this novel as a discussion point during the first academic cycle of each group. There is also a competition opportunity with this assignment. Please see the next page for details.***

****Disclaimer:** This book contains some mature language and themes. We have chosen it due to its powerful messages of perseverance through adversity and believe this to be an excellent choice for every student to read. If there are any questions or concerns regarding the themes portrayed in this novel, please contact the English Language Arts Department Head, Mrs. Trish Beaudoin, at tbeaudoin@dimanregional.org.

Weight

Summer reading is a mandatory category in all English Language Arts courses at Diman and will be counted as a grade for the first semester. Students may use their notes on the assessment provided they are hand-written and in the student's own words.

Please read the full description of the book at:

https://www.amazon.com/Its-Trevor-Noah-Stories-Childhood/dp/0525582193/ref=sr_1_2?crd=22PTA05CW6P8X&keywords=trevor+noah+born+a+crime&qid=1649157938&prefix=trevor+noah%2Caps%2C72&sr=8-2

Please be aware that this required book is the **Young Adult** adaptation of the novel!

This summer assignment can also be found on the Diman website at www.dimanregional.org.

*****Additional Summer Reading Challenge!**

This year all students in each grade level will be participating in a competition to win an iPad Air! The rules are as follows: Depending on the grade a student receives on the summer reading test, they will earn a certain number of raffle tickets. A grade of 65-79 = 1 raffle ticket. A grade of 80-89 = 2 raffle tickets. A grade of 90 or higher = 3 raffle tickets. In the middle of October, after all late acceptances, the iPads will be raffled off to one lucky winner in each grade level. May the best reader win!

Purchasing the Book

This book is available for purchase on Amazon for \$7.04. Students with financial hardships are encouraged to contact the Diman Guidance Office for more purchase information.

Attention Honors Parents and Students:

Please contact Mrs. Trish Beaudoin, the ELA department head, at tbeaudoin@dimanregional.org for more information on additional honors work, or go to the summer reading page on www.dimanregional.org.

Attention Parents of Students with IEPs for ELA:

In our continuing effort to best serve students, Diman has expanded our inclusion classes in the area of English Language Arts. As a parent of a student with an IEP for ELA, you will be receiving a communication from Diman confirming your student's placement in either a substantially separate classroom with a special education instructor or in an inclusion ELA classroom with a general education and a special education teacher. Students in inclusion ELA classes will be required to complete the ELA summer reading assignment. Students in the substantially separate ELA classes will not be required to complete the ELA summer assignment.