

Born a Crime: Summer Reading 2022-23

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Modified Assignment

Those students on IEPs for modified assignments will complete this worksheet over the summer. You will pass this in for your summer reading grade when we return to school in the fall. You will NOT be required to take the multiple choice assessment.

Each group of questions is broken down by chapter with page numbers, so pay attention as you read!

What is “apartheid”? (pg 3)

Part I

Chapter 1: Run

1. How many churches did Trevor’s mother like to attend on Sunday? (pg 5)
2. Who was the black leader finally released from prison when apartheid ended? (pg 11)
3. Why did his mother throw him out of the moving minibus? (pg 14)
4. What was discovered in Africa that made the original Dutch settlers want to take control of South Africa? (pg 19)

Chapter 2: Born a Crime

1. What was a person who was a mix of two races called? (pg 22)
2. What were the four groups of races that people had to register as? (pg 22)
3. What did his mother have to wear in order to move around the city without being questioned by the police? (pg 24)
4. How was Trevor's mom able to move him around the city when he was too big to hide? (pg 29)

Chapter 3: Trevor, Pray

1. Why isn't Trevor able to see much of his father? (pg 35)
2. Why did Trevor hate to use the outhouse? (pg 42)
3. What did his grandmother think caused the poop in the trash? (pg 47)
4. What was another way that the government made sure people were separated, not just by race? (pg 49)

Chapter 4: Chameleon

1. What did Trevor rely on to relate to the people around him that thought he was white, and that he didn't belong? (pg 52)
2. How did Trevor get to go to a private school? (pg 54)
3. What were the black students taught under apartheid? (pg 61)

Chapter 5: The Second Girl

1. What was the one lucky thing for Trevor's mother when she had to live with her aunt? (pg 66)
2. Why did Trevor never feel poor? (pg 74)

Chapter 6: Loopholes

1. What were Trevor's two favorite things when he was young? (pg 80)
2. What happened when Trevor and his friend were playing with matches? (pgs 92,93)

Chapter 7: Fufi

1. What did Trevor learn about his dog that he never knew? (pg 100)

Chapter 8: Robert

1. What does Robert show Trevor when they finally see each other in Cape Town? (pg 114)

Part II

Chapter 9: The Mulberry Tree

1. Why was Trevor considered an outsider in Eden Park? (pgs 122,123)
2. How did Trevor feel after Abel “punished” the boy who had hurt him? (pg 126)

Chapter 10: A Young Man’s Long, Awkward, Occasionally Tragic, and Frequently Humiliating Education in Affairs of the Heart, Part I: Valentine’s Day

1. How did Trevor feel about Maylene accepting Lorenzo as her valentine instead of Trevor? (pgs 134,135)

Chapter 11: Outsider

1. What group at his new school does Trevor identify with?(pg 141)
2. What did Trevor do as the “Tuckshop Guy?” (pg 142)
3. Who does Trevor make friends with in Highlands North? (pg 144)

Chapter 12: Color-Blind

1. Why didn't the school administration recognize Trevor in the video with Teddy?(pg 152)

Chapter 13: A Young Man's Long, Awkward, Occasionally Tragic, and Frequently Humiliating Education in Affairs of the Heart, Part II: The Dance

1. What does Tom get Trevor to do at the “talent show”? (pg 156)
2. What does Trevor finally discover about his date, Bibiki?

Part III

Chapter 14: Go Hitler!

1. What gift from Andrew changed Trevor's life, and why? (pg 178)

2. What new gig does Trevor start doing for money? (pg 184)
3. Why was Trevor's dance group asked to leave the cultural day for the Jewish School? (pgs 191,192)

Chapter 15: The Cheese Boys

1. Why does Trevor feel so comfortable in the town of Alex?
2. What does the term "cheese boy" mean? (pg 202)
3. What finally makes Trevor realize that his hustling is really stealing, and that it is wrong? (Pg 216)
4. How did Trevor end up in jail? (pg 218)

Chapter 16: The World Doesn't Love You

1. How does Trevor end up in jail again? (pgs 225,226)

2. Why does Trevor have to think so hard about which group he will join in the holding cell? (pgs 232,233)
3. Who paid Trevor's bail and lawyer fee? Why? (pgs 235,236)

Chapter 17: My Mother's Life

1. What does Abel's African name mean? (pg 242)
2. What happens when Trevor's mother tries to report Abel to the police for abuse? (pgs 248,249)
3. What does the family have to eat when the garage isn't making money? (pg 253)
4. How does Trevor survive living with Abel for the next few years? (pg 258)
5. What does Trevor's mother realize about Abel, and why does she want Trevor to pray for him? (pg 260)
6. Why does he decide to move out, and what shocking news does his mother tell him? (pgs 262, 263)

7. What shocking news does Andrew deliver on a Sunday morning? (pg 266)

8. What word does the doctor use to describe what happened to Trevor's mom? (pg 274)

9. What was the whole point of apartheid? (page 281) and whose ideals was apartheid based on? (pg 281)