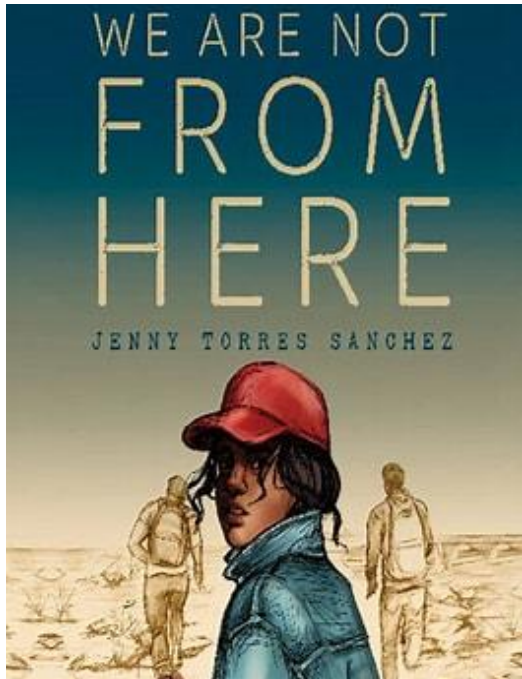


We Are Not From Here



Note: Obtain your own copy of the book and bring it to class on the first day of school.

Author: Jenny Torres Sanchez

Genre: Bildungsroman

While Reading ...

- Annotate the book.
- Keep a journal (hand-written or typed in a Google Doc). For each reading session, note the date and the amount of time spent reading. Provide a brief summary of the plot and character developments for that day's reading. **You will turn in your journal on the first day of school.**

Tips for Annotation ...

- Underline key words/phrases & memorable lines or passages. Make a note in the margin about why the passage or line stands out to you.
- Identify and define *all* unfamiliar words.
- Write questions in the margins about things you don't understand.
- Mark & comment on characters & ideas you find intriguing.
- Note the use of any literary devices & consider why they were used.
- Make connections to other texts, your life, your world, etc.

After Reading ...

- Write a 250-word reflection about your reaction to the novel. This writing is informal. You may use first person. Your reflection should include a discussion of specific events in the novel that provoked a notable response. What did you love? What did you dislike? **You will turn in your reflection on the first day of school.**

Be Prepared To . . .

- Summarize the events of the novel.
- Participate in a Socratic discussion of the book with your peers.
- Compose a theme statement for the book with textual evidence to support your idea.
- Write an in-class essay adhering to MLA format and meeting the expectations of a rubric.