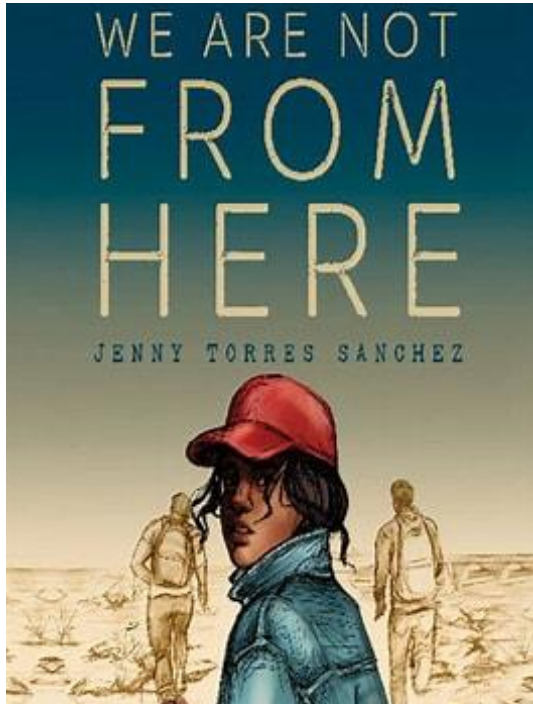


We Are Not From Here



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.**

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 not love? Turn in your reflection on the first day of school.
- Connect one aspect of the novel to a current event. Find a current newspaper or online news magazine article related to one of the topics covered in the book. The article must be a news article, not an opinion piece. **Write a 150-word explanation** of how the fictional events of the novel relate to real-world experiences.

Be Prepared To . . .

- Participate in a Socratic discussion of the book, during which you will share your theme statement.
- Identify at least three pieces of textual evidence to support your theme statement.
- Write an in-class essay adhering to MLA format and meeting the expectations of a rubric.