

10th -12th Grade English Resource: Summer Reading Assignment

I am looking forward to beginning the 2018-2019 school year with the novel, *Same Kind of Different as Me* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore. To assist in your deeper understanding of this novel, you will be completing a three-part assignment, which will be due on **Tuesday, August 14th, and will be worth a test grade.** Additionally, you will be given a test over the novel on the second full day of school.

If you have any questions in completing this assignment, please do not hesitate to contact me at dandolina@facsmemphis.org.

- Use a three-hole fastener folder to hold all three sections of the assignment. Put the book title on the front center of the folder and your first and last name in the top left corner of the folder.
- Part 1 should be written on white, wide-ruled notebook paper. Write on the front of each page; do not write on the back of the paper. Use black or blue pen; do not use pencil.
- Parts 2 and 3 may be typed in 12-point font.
- Pay close attention to spelling and grammar.
- When using direct quotes from the novel, please note the page number in parentheses.
- Please do not get the SparkNotes or any other literature supplement and use these to answer the description questions or character lists. This is considered plagiarism and will result in a zero. This assignment is to help you comprehend what you are reading and copying these resources will hinder that process. I hope you have a wonderful summer. I am looking forward to an awesome year in English Resource!

Part 1: Character Descriptions

- As you read, begin a character list by listing three characters per page with space in between each name, allowing you to add information about each character as you read throughout the entire book.
- The more important a character is, the more information you should have written by that character's name.
- You do not have to write in complete sentences with these character descriptions.

Part 2: Discussion Questions

- Choose 5 of the following questions to answer. Each should be answered in complete sentences, with evidence from the text to defend your answer.
- Each question should be answered on a separate page, with 5-6 sentences at a minimum.

Discussion Questions: Choose 4

1. Why does Ron Hall agree to volunteer at the homeless shelter, and what is his initial reaction in doing so?
2. Discuss Denver Moore's life. What events have landed him in the homeless shelter? Discuss the differences between his life and Ron Hall's.
3. What inspires Deborah Hall's life? What does she think of Denver Moore?
4. Eventually, Denver and Ron, two men who have lived vastly different lives, become close friends. What do the two see in one another? What draws them together?
5. What is the meaning of the book's title, "Same Kind of Difference as Me"? What does it refer to?
6. How do both men change by the end of the book? What do they learn from or teach each other?
7. What are the symbolic implications of the conversation about how white men fish, especially their catch-and-release method? What does that conversation say about each man, and what is the underlying message that Denver is trying to pass onto Ron?

Part 3: Application

Write a 3-4 paragraph response to the following application question:

What is a current issue that you are passionate about (for example, homelessness, hunger, safety of our schools)? Describe the current issue, how it is impacting our world, how you became passionate about this issue, and how you can take active steps in your life to combat this issue.