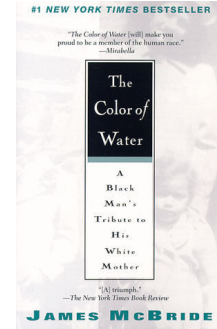


COURSE TITLE: Voices of American Literature (Grade 10)

CHOICE TEXT: *The Color of Water*

AUTHOR: James McBride

GENRE: Memoir



SUMMARY:

Author James McBride recounts the story of his life as an African-American child growing up with eight brothers and sisters with his single, Jewish, Caucasian mother. He touches upon racial issues, but more importantly, his dedication to his mother. Ruth McBride's heart, values, and will keep her faith strong and her dedication to her children even stronger. This American story documents the struggles of life and the conquests of love.

REQUIRED STUDENT RESPONSE:

During the first marking period, students will compose a compare/contrast essay about choices and consequences using the main character from a summer reading book and a character from one of the short stories in the opening unit of the year.

SUGGESTED STUDENT RESPONSE:

Through a journal or log, students may trace the major decisions of the main characters, as well as the consequences of those decisions. These journals/logs will not be collected, but will be helpful for in-class discussions. Students who have completed a journal/log may use them during the completion of a graphic organizer during the first days of school.