

Advanced Academics Summer Reading 2021

All incoming AP English Language and Composition students must read

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates.

Due August 23, 2021

Book: *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates

From School Library Journal:

In a series of essays, written as a letter to his son, Coates confronts the notion of race in America and how it has shaped American history, many times at the cost of black bodies and lives. Thoughtfully exploring personal and historical events, from his time at Howard University to the Civil War, the author poignantly asks and attempts to answer difficult questions that plague modern society. In this short memoir, the Atlantic writer explains that the tragic examples of Michael Brown, Trayvon Martin, and those killed in South Carolina are the results of a systematically constructed and maintained assault to black people—a structure that includes slavery, mass incarceration, and police brutality as part of its foundation. From his passionate and deliberate breakdown of the concept of race itself to the importance of the Black Lives Matter movement, Coates powerfully sums up the terrible history of the subjugation of black people in the United States. A timely work, this title will resonate with all teens—those who have experienced racism as well as those who have followed the recent news coverage on violence against people of color [...] This stunning, National Book Award-winning memoir should be required reading for high school students and adults alike.

Reviewed by [Shelley Diaz, School Library Journal](#) , Feb 01, 2016

Link:<https://www.slj.com/?reviewDetail=between-the-world-and-me>

Format:

1. Must be typed, and in MLA-Format (see example)

Section I

2. Point of View Question
 - What point of view is the book told from?
 - i. Provide a quote from the beginning, middle and end to support your answer.
 - ii. Make sure you include the quote and page number.
 - How is that perspective biased? (Provide three examples with text evidence - quote and page number)
3. Rhetorical Devices
 - Find five examples of rhetorical devices within the text.

- Make sure you write the quote and page number for each example.
- Explain how the quote is an effective example of that rhetorical device.

4. Rhetorical Appeals

- Find two examples of each of the rhetorical appeals.
- Make sure you write the quote and page number for each example.
- Explain how the quote is an effective example of that rhetorical appeal.

5. Diction

- What type of diction is used throughout the book?
- Is it effective in propelling the author's purpose?
- Provide three examples (quote and page number) to support your answer.

Section II

Directions: Pick two of the following below. Give an ANALYTICAL response to the question presented. Your response should be a half page (250 words) for each question you chose. You cannot use any first or second person pronouns or contractions.

6. Is the book an accurate representation of today's society?
 - Provide two quotes with page numbers to support your answer.
7. What is the main argument presented in *Between the World and Me*? Is it valid or invalid? Why?
 - Provide two quotes with page numbers to support your answer.
8. Which rhetorical device and rhetorical appeal were the most useful in supporting the author's purpose? Explain your answer.
 - Make sure to include each quote and page number.

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Section I

1. Point of View

- Point of View:
- Beginning:
- Middle:
- End:
- Explanation
- Bias:
- Quote 1:
- Quote 2:
- Quote 3:
- Explanation:

2. Rhetorical Devices

- Example 1:
- Explanation:
- Example 2:
- Explanation:
- Example 3:
- Explanation:
- Example 4:
- Explanation:
- Example 5:
- Explanation:

3. Rhetorical Appeals

- Quote 1:

- Explanation:
- Quote 2:
- Explanation:
- Quote 3:
- Explanation:
- Quote 4:
- Explanation:
- Quote 5:
- Explanation:

4. Diction

- Type of Diction:
- Example 1:
- Example 2:
- Example 3:
- Explanation:

Section II

Directions: Pick two of the following below. Give an ANALYTICAL response to the question presented. Your response should be a half page (250 words) for each question you chose. Write each half page response on its own page with the header/heading provided. You cannot use any first or second person pronouns or contractions. You will need to include a screenshot of your word count under your half-page analysis.

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Response 2: Add Original Title Here

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Response 3: Add Original Title Here