**Language Arts (Assigned on Thursdays, Due Mondays)**

**Crossing the Wire by Will Hobbs**

**Directions and rationale:**

On Thursdays for the next month, you will be assigned to read and respond to a section in *Crossing the Wire* at home. This is being done for a couple of reasons:

**a)** Because of my prolonged illness, we ended up behind in our unit, so this is our way of getting caught up and not running into standardized testing time when trying to complete our essays.

**b)** This will give me the opportunity to focus on important lessons for essay writing in class to prep your final.

**c)** It is customary in a secondary language arts setting for the class novel to travel home and back to school with written work, and requires work on non-school days. This is another way to get you ready for 8th grade and beyond.

**Format:**

You’ll have **two prewritten questions** to answer from me. These questions change every week depending on our section of take-home reading, so make sure you write them down in class. If you happen to be absent when we’re getting the questions, email me right away or ask a peer. You will also pick **4 selective responses** to complete. Finally, you’ll write **two questions** that could be used for a review/quiz. This is a total of **8 required** **responses** with the reading which is not dissimilar from our usual Lit Circle. The weekly extension opportunity is to answer all 6 questions from part 2. Extra credit will be given for thorough, thoughtful answers **(an extra 10 pts possible).**

***\*****Please note that if you’re aware of an upcoming absence, you must still ensure your assignment gets to me* ***on time.*** *Submitting it through our website or sending it with a trusted peer/sibling are two examples of how to problem solve. I will also make this form available on the class website every week. This will be worth 40 pts each week, so please make sure to communicate with me if you’re struggling.*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Period** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Crossing the Wire* reading assignment:**

**Part I: Teacher-Text Questions (5 pts each) (Answer with 6 complete sentences and relevant text evidence)**

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**Part II: Selective Response 5 pts each (Pick 4, Answer on the back side)**

**1.** “It is if you are willing to work hard. In the States, it’s possible to start from the ground and reach the top of the tree. In Mexico, if you are born poor, there are no branches within reach, and the trunk is coated with lard” (p. 97). Explain what this means.

**2.** Discuss how the relationship between Miguel and Victor changes over time.

**3.** What things make the border patrol so powerful?

**4.** Tell about a time you were as selfless (not selfish) as Miguel and put someone else ahead of your own needs.

**5.** Find the simile (a comparison using like or as) on page 113, and explain what it means.

**6.** How are the people in the helicopter different than vigilantes? Would you have accepted their help?

**7.** In Chapter 16, if Victor had tried to talk to the fisherman, do think things would have turned out differently? Explain.

**8.** Victor runs into a familiar face in the detention facility. How do you think this person ended up getting detained?

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**Part III: Student-Derived Questions, 5 pts each (Create two questions based on the reading that would help you understand the text better, work for a quiz in class, and or promote interesting discussion. Please provide the answer/answer options.)**

**Review Q1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Answer(s):**

**Review Q2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Answer(s):**