

Melanin Sun Final Project

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Section _____

Introduction:

Congratulations! You're just about to complete the book, From the Notebooks of Melanin Sun by Jacqueline Woodson. Hopefully you've been enjoying both the book as well as your discussions with your book group. Now it is time to express some ideas that you have about the novel. *Please note that this assignment is considered a major project and will play an important role in your final reading grade for module 3.*

Instructions:

Each student will be assigned one character from the book. You will design your own NING page on this character, similar to the way that *facebook* pages are designed. This will require you to reveal your deep understanding of the character.

On your page, you will be required to:

(1) Upload 6 or more **IMAGES** of what your character might look like or things that are important to your character.

(2) Post 5 or more **QUOTES** from the book and quotes from outside sources (i.e., from other books, poems, songs, short stories, etc.) in the "All About Me" section that reveals deep insight to who your character is.

(3) Post 4 or more **FUN FACTS/HOBBIES** in the "All About Me" section that expresses your deep understanding of the character. Use the book and inferences you make from the book for this section.

(4) Select one of the two **NOTEBOOK ENTRY** options listed below to post in your "All About Me" section:

OPTION A

Using Melanin's journal entry "Alone" as a model, write a 14-line poem about how your character feels about being alone. Remember to include similes, metaphors and other poetic elements to help capture the authentic voice of your character. Think deeply about your choice of words and the images that you want to create.

OR

OPTION B

From your character's point of view, write a 5-paragraph literary essay, including textual evidence, that answers **one** of the following questions:

- DOES RACE MATTER?
- DOES SEXUAL PREFERENCE MATTER?
- CAN PEOPLE'S VIEWS ABOUT RACE AND SEXUALITY CHANGE?

❖ This assignment is due Monday, April 6, 2009 - NO EXCEPTIONS!