

Summer Reading

Novel: *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander



Part One: *Character Snapshot*

Each packet will contain a character snapshot for one of the four main characters:

- Jordan "JB" Bell
- Josh "Filthy McNasty" Bell
- Chuck "Da Man" Bell
- Mom: Crystal Stanley-Bell

Task:

- Draw a picture of the character based on their description in the book
- Determine character traits and support those traits with evidence from the text
- Describe how the character changes throughout the story
- Choose a quote from the text to write in the large white space at the bottom of the polaroid

Part Two: *Novel Vocabulary*

Task:

- Read each vocabulary word and definition
- Read 'as in' sentence example
- Write out your own 'as in' sentence using the vocabulary word. *Do not repeat the example 'as in' sentence.*

Part Three: *"Dear Jordan"* (p. 159)

Task:

- Read the poem "Dear Jordan" straight down the left column and then straight down the right column. Annotate the poem as you read.
 - Read the poem again, this time read it line-by-line from left to right. Provide additional annotations as you read the poem again.
 - Write down any differences or changes in meaning as you read the poem under the annotations sections
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Part Four: *Design Josh's Sneakers*

Task:

Imagine you are designing a custom pair of sneakers for Josh. The design should represent who he is – include colors, symbols, and words or quotes from the book.

Write 3 - 4 sentences at the bottom of the page explaining how the sneaker's you've designed reflect Josh's journey.