

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Summer Work

Hello, Rising Seventh-Graders!

We will start the year working with the book, *The Skin I'm In* by Sharon G. Flake. I recommend you purchase your own copy, but you can also see a PDF of the entire book on my webpage at: <https://www.rcboe.org/cms/lib/GA01903614/Centricity/Domain/6480/The%20Skin%20Im%20In%20Entire%20book.pdf>. We will be using this novel to address these skills: citing textual evidence to support analysis of the text; determining a theme and analyzing its development over the course of the text; providing an objective summary of the text; and analyzing how the characters and plot interact.

Directions: Handwrite a two-page letter to one of the characters in *The Skin I'm In*. First, tell the character a little about yourself. Explain to the character how your community is similar to or different from the character's community. Then express your feelings and opinions about an event(s) in the book and about what happened to the character. Make sure to include specific details from the story and identify the chapter the details come from. Include any questions you have for the character, as well. Take care with your spelling, grammar, and punctuation. This will count as your first minor grade, so make it a good one!

“Two pages” means you can write on two sides of one piece of paper, or you can write on one side of two pieces of paper. We will use your letter for our first lesson on MLA-formatting and file management.

Please contact me right away if you have questions. I will check my email through May 28<sup>th</sup> and occasionally throughout the summer. School starts on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, so your letter is due no later than Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. I think you will enjoy *The Skin I'm In*, and I look forward to us working with it in August.

Have a safe and fun summer!  
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Supplies needed for my class:

- Notebook paper
- Writing utensils
- 1-inch binder
- 5 dividers
- Earbuds
- Tissues are always appreciated!