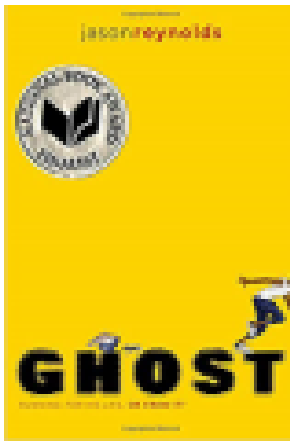


8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

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GHOST by Jason Reynolds



Running. That's all Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons—it all started with running away from his father, who, when Ghost was a very little boy, chased him and his mother through the apartment, then down the street, with a loaded gun, aiming to kill. Since then, Ghost has been the one causing problems—and running away from them—until he meets Coach, an ex-Olympic Medalist who sees something in Ghost: crazy natural talent. If Ghost can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed, or will his past finally catch up to him?

Assignment:

Students must keep a log on their novel. All entries in the log must be handwritten and 5-7 sentences in length. The log must include the following entries:

1. Description of each of the main characters. (20 points)
2. Conflict - problems or challenges that arise for the characters. (20 points)
3. Resolution - how the story ends. (20 points)
4. Theme-message or lesson learned in the novel. (20 points)
5. Discuss why you liked or disliked the novel. (20 points)

There will be a comprehension test on this novel during the first week of school.