

# Summer Reading Assessment

## English 9 CP

**Directions:** For both books that you read over the summer, answer each of the following questions typed in at least one to two paragraphs. Please type in Times New Roman, 12 pt font, double spaced. Turn in a hard copy. You are allowed to use your book. Good luck!!!

### **Tunes For Bears To Dance To**

- 1) Put yourself in Henry's shoes at the end of the story. Would you have made the choice he made concerning Mr. Levine's village? Why or why not?
- 2) Who do you believe is truly at fault for the destruction of Mr. Levine's miniature village: Mr. Hairston or Henry? Explain in detail using examples from the book.
- 3) Henry's actions at the end of the story stem from his desire to do something good for his family, and to help mend the loss of his brother. Is there ever a time when it is okay to make a bad decision if you will get something good in return? Why or why not?
- 4) After Mr. Levine finds that his village has been destroyed, what does he decide to do with the village? What do his actions say about the relationship between good and evil within this story? Does good or evil prevail at the end of the story?

### **Port Chicago 50**

- 1) To this day, The Port Chicago 50 are still convicted mutineers. Do you believe they deserve this charge? Why or why not?
- 2) African American soldiers were clearly not given equal rights and respect during this time in American history. Where do you think this inequality came from? How do you think we can overcome such inequality?
- 3) Do you think this sort of inequality could possibly happen in our world today? Why or why not?
- 4) Read the following quote from Thurgood Marshall:

*"Where you see wrong or inequality or injustice, speak out, because this is your country. This is your democracy. Make it. Protect it. Pass it on."*

How does this quote relate to the novel as a whole?

**These assessments will be due September 2, 2022**