***The Color of Water***

**Summer Reading Essay Assignment**

**The Big Question**:

How are Ruth's name changes from "Ruchel Dwajra Zylska" to "Rachel Deborah Shilsky" to "Ruth McBride Jordan" significant with respect to her identity and her life?

**Basic Format**: Your essay will be **five** paragraphs long, and it will follow the format below.

1. Introduction:

* A **hook** that grabs the reader’s attention
* A **2-3 sentence** summary of *The Color of Water*
* A **thesis statement** (the argument you are making)

1. Three body paragraphs:

* Topic sentence:
  + restate your argument
  + give **one** reason to support it
* Quote #1: *The Color of Water* (page #)
* Explain
* Quote #2: *The Color of Water* (page #)
* Explain
* Summary sentence

1. Conclusion:

* Restate your **thesis**
* Summarize of all your **reasons**
* A **hook** that gets to the heart of your argument

**Your Grade**:…will be determined by the criteria on NJ Holistic Scoring rubric (see the back).

**Due Date**: **All** essays are due on the **first** **day** of school in September. **Late** essays will be accepted at a cost of one letter grade lost per day late.

