

9TH GRADE REQUIRED ENGLISH SUMMER READING

Accelerated

***I Love You, Are For White People: A Memoir*, by Lac Su [Note: Please get the physical book, not the electronic version, and bring it to class. Please get ISBN number: 978-0061543661.]**

Please read this memoir over the summer and, in a one-page typed and double-spaced paper, respond to the following prompt. Please bring your printed paper to the first day of class.

In Chapter 10, Su writes, “To actually belong - to really be part of something - is deeply tempting, but I have to resist.”

Within this memoir, there are multiple ways in which Lac finds himself tempted by something he feels he must resist. The conflict inherent in constantly feeling **ambivalent** (definition: feeling two opposing ways simultaneously) is significant to the memoir’s progress. Identify **one** element of Luc Su’s ambivalence in the book (for instance, his relationship with his family, criminality, or status as a young Vietnamese man in California) and in your response, explain how and why Luc Su is drawn towards it (or gives in to it), **and** how and why he pushes away from it.

Your response must contain at least two quotes from elsewhere in the book (in addition to the above quote).