

9TH GRADE REQUIRED ENGLISH SUMMER READING

Grade Level

(9th Grade Humanities levels will be announced in early July.)

***I Love You, 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 at least three ways in which Lac finds himself tempted towards something he feels he must resist:

- The love and respect of his father
- Embracing his Vietnamese heritage while living as an American
- Gang life/criminality

Pick one of the above choices, and, in your response, explain how and why Luc Su is drawn by it (or gives in to it), **and** how and why he pushes away from it. Focusing on very specific scenes will help. It may be useful for you to use three different-colored pens, highlighters, or sticky tabs as you read.

Your response must contain at least two quotes.