

# GROUND ZERO

reading  
response



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# READING RESPONSE A

GROUND ZERO

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reading Response A: Chapters 1-2

Brandon: How We Survive

Reshmina: Right Here Right Now

1. What are these two chapters mostly about? Summarize the reading with key details and support with textual evidence.

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2. When does the novel take place? Where does it take place? What is life for the characters in these settings like? Support with evidence from the text.

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3. Where does Brandon have to go with his dad? Why does Brandon have to go? How does Brandon's father feel about his son joining him? Support with textual evidence.

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4. What mantra, or saying, do Brandon and his father live by? How do they stick together and survive? When did they begin to use this saying? Support with textual evidence.

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5. How does Brandon's father define a bully? How does Brandon try to prove to his father he is not a bully? Explain and support with evidence from the text.

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➤ 19 Assignments  
– 8 Questions  
Each

➤ Comprehension  
Questions

➤ Prompts Require  
Textual Evidence

➤ Common Core-  
Aligned Material

# READING RESPONSE A

6. How are Reshmina's and Pason's chores different? How are their futures expected to be different as well? Why are their roles and responsibilities so different? Explain and support with evidence from the text.

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7. Briefly summarize the Taliban's history. Who makes up the Taliban now? What is their primary goal? Support with textual evidence.

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8. What happens in Reshmina's village? Why might this event be happening? Make an inference and support with evidence from the text.

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## VISUALIZE THE TEXT

Directions: Identify an example of figurative language or imagery from the reading that helps you visualize the text. In the space below, draw the image the figurative language or imagery creates. Include the quote and page number.

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Quiz:

- Visualization Section – Figurative Language
  
- Accommodate for ALL Learners
  
- Great for Small Group or Rotation Models
  
- Rigorous Materials

# READING RESPONSE B

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reading Response B: Chapters 1-2

Brandon: How We Survive

Reshmina: Right Here Right Now

1. Describe the setting of the novel. When and where does it take place? What is significant about the two settings? What conflict do these settings emphasize? Support with textual evidence.

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2. Describe Brandon's relationship with his father. What is it like? Why might their relationship be like this? Support with evidence from the text.

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3. How does Brandon's father define a bully? Do you agree with him? Why or why not? Based on Brandon's actions, would you characterize Brandon as a bully? Why or why not? Support with textual evidence.

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4. What is Brandon's tone towards the North Tower? Why does he have this attitude? What evidence does the author include to develop Brandon's tone?

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5. How are Reshmina's and Pason's roles and responsibilities different? What do these differences reveal about the societal roles of men and women in Afghanistan? Explain and support with evidence from the text.

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➤ 19 Assignments  
– 8 Questions  
Each

➤ Analysis &  
Critical Thinking  
Questions

➤ Prompts Require  
Textual Evidence

➤ Stimulate Class  
Discussion

# READING RESPONSE B

6. How has Reshmina's relationship with her brother changed recently? Why has it changed? What is Reshmina's tone towards this change? Explain and support with evidence from the text.

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7. What does Reshmina hope to do when she grows up? What obstacles does she already face as she tries to reach her dream? What do these obstacles reveal about life in Afghanistan? Support with textual evidence.

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8. According to Reshmina's family, what was life under Taliban rule like for the people of Afghanistan? Why does the group still fight today? What might motivate Pashoon to want to join the Taliban? Support with evidence from the text.

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## CRITICAL CONNECTIONS

Directions: Based on this reading, identify how Brandon and Reshmina's stories are similar. Then, explain how the similarities connect and what the author may want readers to understand through this connection.

Brandon's Story	Reshmina's Story

How do the similarities connect? What might the author want readers to learn through this connection?

Quiz:

➤ Critical Connections Section— Character Story Comparison

➤ Use for Differentiation

➤ Google Slides™ Links – Pre-made Text Boxes for Students

➤ Answer Keys

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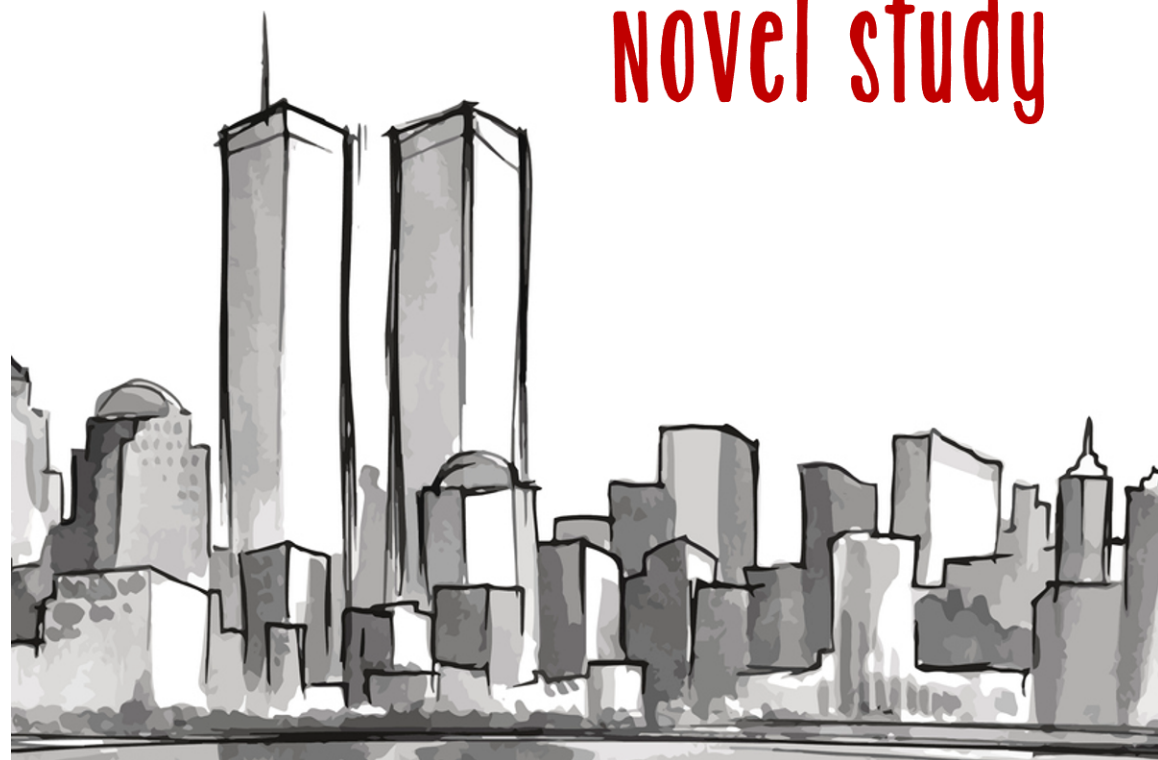
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