

A person wearing a white fencing uniform is shown from the chest down. They are holding a silver fencing mask with a black mesh face guard. The background is a plain, light color.

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Close Readings

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Close Reading Resources

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Close Reading 1.a: Chapters 1-3
Black Boy, The Walk, Jail

Name: _____

Conflict

- Conflict is the struggle between opposing _____, _____, or _____.
- Conflict affects _____, builds _____, and drives _____.

There are four types of conflicts explained below. On the blank, write the type of conflict. Circle the conflict that is an internal conflict.

- Character vs. _____ = a character struggles against another character or group.
- Character vs. _____ = a character faces an internal struggle.
- Character vs. _____ = a character struggles against larger social forces such as the government, laws, or social expectations.
- Character vs. _____ = a character struggles against the natural world and forces beyond their control.

Identifying & Analyzing Conflict

In the first chapters, Donte describes many conflicts that he faces. First, reread the chapters. Then, determine three conflicts Donte faces. Analyze the conflicts below.

Conflict – In the space below, summarize one conflict Donte faces in the first three chapters. Include the type of conflict and support with evidence.

Question	Conflict Analysis
How does this conflict affect or influence the characters' actions or feelings?	
How does this conflict build suspense in the story?	
How does this conflict drive the plot forward?	

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➤ 28 Close Reading Assignments

➤ Notes for Literary Elements

➤ Graphic Organizers to Scaffold Learning

➤ Literary Skills-Based

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Close Reading 2.b: Chapters 4-6
Rescue: In Black & White, Home, Suspended
Name: _____

Character

Authors use two types of characterization to reveal the traits of the characters in their stories.

- _____ Characterization = The author or character tells readers character traits.
- _____ Characterization = Readers must infer character traits by examining character thoughts, actions, words spoken, and relationships with others.

Directions: Let's take a closer look at Donte and determine his character traits. Read and fill in the organizer with details that reveal his character. Then, complete the activity that follows.

Direct Characterization – What character traits does Donte tell the reader he has?	Indirect Characterization – Write down Donte's thoughts, actions, words spoken, and relationships with others that reveal his character.
	Words:
	Thoughts:
	Actions:
	Other characters' reactions to him:

1. How would *you* characterize Donte? What kind of person do you think he is? Support your answer with details from the text.

➤ 4 Whole Novel Analysis Assignments

➤ Rigorous & Creative Tasks


➤ Accommodate for ALL Learners

➤ Text-Based Questions & Analysis

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Defining Self

Directions: After you analyze Donte's character, let's examine how Donte views himself and how he thinks others view him. In the graphic organizer, write down evidence that shows how Donte sees himself or defines himself. In the column on the right, write down evidence that shows how Donte thinks others define him.

How does Donte define himself?	How does Donte think others define him?
	

2. Do you think the way Donte defines himself is influenced by how others define him? Why or why not? Support your answer with details from the text.

➤ Comprehensive Answer Key

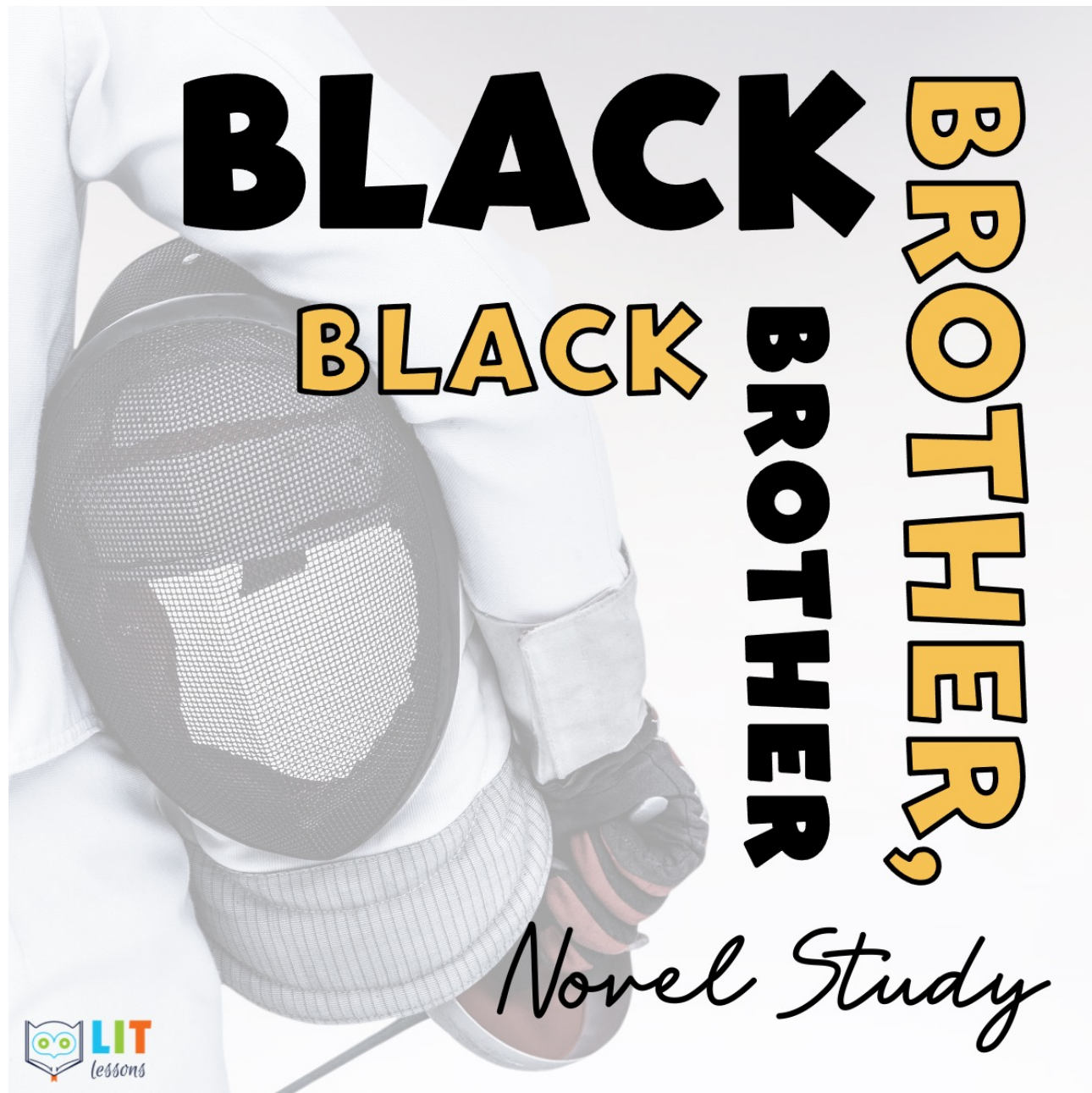
➤ Thorough Examination of the Text

➤ Google Slides™ Links

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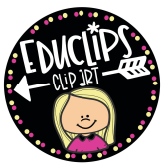
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