READING

Please purchase a copy of *Witness*, a moving memoir by a Bancroft alumnus, and complete the assignments described below.


“*Witness* is the true story of a family separated by civil war. When a peaceful childhood in Liberia is changed in an instant 8-year old Q was thrown into the bloodshed, terror, and violence. *Witness* takes you back to 1991 through Q’s reflections and experiences in the Liberian Civil War – from the once sleepy, safe village of Sugar Hill to surviving through destroyed farmland, drug-crazed child soldiers, and body-strewn streets. *Witness* will open your eyes to the darkest and most beautiful parts of humanity and make you see that on the other side of evil is good.” (excerpted from Amazon.com synopsis)

ASSIGNMENTS

**Chapter Summaries.** In your book write 2 - 3 bullet points that summarize the plot of each chapter (including the Prologue/Preface). Complete sentences are not necessary.

**Book Cover.** Draw/paint a new cover for the memoir AND write a 1 page explanation of your cover’s meaning and symbolism. How does your design relate to the memoir? Be sure to make clear connections.

All written work should be typed in double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12-pt font. The use of outside/internet sources is prohibited.

The book cover and explanation together will be worth two homework grades.

This assignment is due at the beginning of the first regular (full period) meeting of your English class.

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