**Responding to Injustice Unit**

**Essential questions:**

1. How did the characters face injustice? Who or what caused the injustice? (In other words, what are the causes and effects of injustice?)
2. How do characters respond to the injustice?
3. What motivates some characters to fight the injustice while others do nothing?
4. What enables a character to successfully fight injustice? What prevents other character from successfully fighting it?
5. **How *should* we respond to injustice?**

**First group meeting**

**Discussion topic: injustice**

* How are the characters facing injustice? How is it affecting their daily lives?
* Who or what is causing the injustice?

**Journal Entry #1:**

1. How do the characters face injustice in the setting of this book? Who or what is causing the injustice?

**Second group meeting**

**Discussion topic: Fighting or ignoring injustice?**

* Which characters have tried to fight the injustice? How are they fighting the injustice? What were the consequences of fighting it?
* Which characters have ignored the injustice? What were the consequences of ignoring it?
* How have some character contributed to the injustice?
* Why do some characters ignore injustice while others fight it? What **motivates** some characters to fight injustice and what **motivates** others to ignore it?
* What do their responses reveal about their character traits?
* Do you agree with how the characters are choosing to respond? Why or why not? Would you recommend they choose to do something else? If so, what?
* What do other characters seem to think of each other’s choices?

**Journal Entry #2:**

1. Describe how a character (or group of characters) have ignored injustice. What motivated that character to ignore the injustice?
2. Describe how a character has started to fight injustice rather than ignoring it. What motivated that character to fight injustice?

**Third group meeting**

**Discussion topic: Results and consequences**

* Which characters decided to fight the injustice? What motivated them?
* What were the consequences of the characters’ responses to injustice? (What were the consequences or ignoring it? What were the consequences of fighting it?)
* Which character had to make sacrifices in order to fight injustice? What did she/he have to sacrifice?
* Do you agree with how the characters are choosing to respond? Why or why not? Would you recommend they choose to do something else? If so, what?
* What do other characters seem to think of each other’s choices?
* Which character successfully fought the injustice? What made them successful?
* Which characters were***un***able to successfully fight the injustice? Why were they ***un***successful?

**Journal Entry #3:**

1. What enabled a character to successfully fight injustice?
2. What prevented a character from successfully fighting injustice?
3. What were the consequences of a character’s decision to fight injustice? (Consequences could be positive or negative)
4. What were the consequences of a character’s decision to ignore injustice? (Consequences could be positive or negative)