

Big City Cool is a collection of short stories dealing with stories that have taken place in major cities in the United States. Along with the title of the story is the exact location of that stories setting. You may also notice that some of the authors of the stories are familiar to you.

The grading for this activity will be in the form of a contract. This means that you are to read the entire sheet, decide what activities you would like to complete, and what grade you will be aiming for. The final grade will be one of the grades for this marking period. This sheet is to be filled in by you and then returned to me. My responsibility is to assist you in any way possible and to supply the materials for you to complete your work. As you complete an activity, hand it in. Depending on the activity, you may complete them at home as well as in school. Please follow the deadline and ask questions for a better understanding of the work.

I _____ plan to complete the following activities:

_____ Read any two stories in the book. Be sure that you clearly understand their meaning.

_____ Complete two graphic organizers for each of the stories completed. Be sure to be complete with your answers.

_____ Based on one of the stories read, draw a picture based on the description within the story you read. Be sure to include the story title.

_____ Write a poem based on the content of one short story.

_____ Make a collage based on the items and descriptions of the story.

_____ Complete a graphic organizer based on the main character.

_____ Think of one of your best experiences based on your life in Jersey City. Think of how cool it is to describe your hometown to people outside this area. Write a story based on your cool city experience.

_____ Do you have an idea for an activity that is appropriate? Share it with me and we will determine the points.

_____ Share the story you read with someone in class who read a different story. Each person will write a summary of the story. The summary will include: characters, setting, events, conflict, resolution, and theme. Each person will score the summary of the story they shared.

_____ Write a paragraph stating your comments on each of the stories you read and this activity.

_____ Answer any 2 questions based on the stories you read. Each answer is 5 sentences or more and the title of the story must be included in your answer.

1. Are you like the main character in the story? How?
2. Would you have changed any of the events in the story?
3. Could your story have taken place in Jersey City?
4. Would you like to visit the city that your story took place?