

**St. Joseph's Preparatory School**  
**Summer Reading Guide - Warriors Don't Cry**  
**Junior Religion**

There will be a test on this assignment upon your return from summer vacation. Take notes on the reading using a looseleaf binder to keep the material together. Take note of the book's plot, setting, main events and characters and the lessons learned by the characters throughout the book. Once you have read and taken notes on the book, respond to the following items in writing.

1. Identify the following characters: Melba, Minnijean, Thurgood Marshall, Andy, India, Ernie, Mrs. Huckaby, Nana Healey, Link, Lois Patillo, Orval Faubus, Danny.
2. How does the Supreme Court case, *Brown vs. Board of Education*, play a role in the plot of this book? Do you agree with the decision of the court? Why/not?
3. What is the conflict between state and federal authority in this book? Which authority do you think should have the power in the issues presented? Explain.
4. Describe the role of faith, religion and scripture in the lives of the main characters. What role do these things play in your life? Explain.
5. Explain the origin and meaning of the book's title for the author. If you had to choose another title for this book, what would it be? Explain your choice.
6. Which characters in the book did you feel a compassionate connection with and whose attitudes and actions did you have a difficult time understanding? Give examples to support your responses.
7. Do you think the issues and conflicts presented in this book still exist today? Give examples to support your opinion.
8. Describe the relationship between violence and non-violence presented in this book. If you were the main character, how would you have handled the situation she experienced? Who influenced her attitudes and actions regarding the uses of violence or non-violence in dealing with conflict situations? Who influences your responses to conflict in your life?
9. Describe your feelings and thoughts before, during and after reading this book. Use examples from the book to highlight your responses.
10. How did the families of the characters influence their moral values and actions? How has your family shaped your values, attitudes and actions in life?