



OLDENBURG ACADEMY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Oldenburg Academy All-School Summer Read – 2023

2023-2024 Franciscan Value: Reconciliation

Read *Convicted: An Innocent Man, the Cop Who Framed Him, and an Unlikely Journey of Forgiveness and Friendship* by Jameel McGee and Andrew Collins. One of the authors will visit campus in the fall for a presentation and discussion.

Type all of these on a document and be prepared to turn them in on the first day of school to your English teacher.

Respond: Answer each of the following in a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) that shows evidence of reading. You should include one quote per answer, and those should be cited with the page number in parentheses at the end of the sentence.

- Explain the complicated dynamics of Benton Harbor, Michigan.
- In what ways was Jameel a victim of “the system”? In what ways was Andrew also a victim of “the system”?
- How is prison important for Jameel’s faith life? How does Jameel experience and work through anger while in prison?
- What does Andrew say haunts him the most about Jameel’s story?
- How does Debra Mead help influence more than one part of Jameel’s life?

Connect: Choose one of the following to answer in a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) that shows evidence of reflection.

- Find a Biblical passage about reconciliation or forgiveness that speaks to you. Provide the passage and its citation (John 3:16-40, as a fictional example). Then in a short paragraph, discuss what the passage says and how you relate to it or why it speaks to you.
- In chapter 11, Jameel meditates on some Biblical passages and then has a serious conversation with God. First, talk about how Jameel does this. Then, talk about how you discern God’s will for you in your life.

Optional:

- Forgiveness can be really hard, especially if you were greatly wronged or wronged by a close friend or family member. Talk about a difficult time where you chose forgiveness OR talk about a time where you wish you had chosen forgiveness, but something held you back.

Students taking AP Classes may have additional assignments.

Additionally, all seniors, please read the following:

All seniors should plan to submit a list of community service and employment experiences by the end of the first full week of school. The list should include anything from grades 9-12, including group/employer, job/task, and dates (month and year). Things from grades 6-8 should NOT be included *unless* they have been consistent from middle school through high school (for example, if you were an altar server from grade 6-10, you should put that; if you only served in grade 7 you should not). This material will be used abundantly during your senior year, so spending some time to draft this over the summer will be worth it!