



OLDENBURG ACADEMY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Oldenburg Academy All-School Summer Read – 2024

2024-2025 Franciscan Value: Peace and Justice

Read *I Must Betray You* by Ruta Sepetys

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 quotes should be integrated into a sentence and cited with the page number in parentheses at the end of the sentence.

- Ceausescu bulldozed private homes, churches, and even trees to make more uniform housing. What were the immediate impacts of this decision? What were the larger and maybe unforeseen impacts?
- Bunu says “We can’t join together in solidarity because we never know whom we can trust or who might be an informer” (page 60). What are some examples of how we can see this truth play out in the book?
- Do you think the risk Cristian takes to deliver his journal, the “gift of truth” to Mr. Van Dorn is worth it?
- One of the last messages that Cristian gets from Cici is “A revolution eats its heroes.” Who would you define as a “hero” in this book and why?
- What is the significance of Ruta Sepetey’s labeling the chapter that begins with Liliana and Cristian wishing each other Merry Christmas as “Chapter Unu (One)”?

Connect: Answer the following question in a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) that shows evidence of reflection.

- How did you feel about what happened to the Ceausescus? What do you think a fitting punishment for them could be? Is there one? How did the outcome lead to closure for some people? How did it make finding closure harder?

Extension:

- The Romanian Revolution was led, in part, by young people just like Cristian, Luca, and Liliana. Revolutions and resistance are still being led by young people today. Research either a contemporary or past resistance movement led by young people and write a summary of the movement. Here is a list of possible movements: The death of Mahsa Amini and protests in Iran, Autumn Peltier and water advocacy, Mary Copeny and the Flint water crisis, 2020-21 student protests in Thailand, Greta Thunberg and climate change, Judy Heumann and disability rights, Children’s Crusade and civil rights.

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!