

Mind Mapping Connections in *All American Boys*

As we read, we develop relationships (connections) and opinions (impressions) about the characters. Some characters we enjoy, and others make us angry. Some seem to be doing the right things in our minds, and others just cannot seem to be considerate of others. Some we see ourselves in, and others we see aspects of family members, friends, or acquaintances. *All American Boys* has a large spectrum of characters, which we each have some sort of impression about as we get to know them.

Assignment:

- Below is a list of required characters that you will be mapping together. Using a key that you will create and put on the lower right-hand side of your map, you will connect the characters together based on their relationships to one another.
 - [Be creative in your use of colors, arrows, and line styles and make sure they are distinguished enough that each variable can be easily pointed out from another. Remember to keep the lines and bubbles organized in some way that is understandable to another person who may look at your map. Make sure your key is visible on your mind map as well.]
- After you have completed the map of characters, you will need to provide your own impression or relationship with each of the characters using the book to explain why (Five to seven sentences per character).
 - To do this, you will create a legend, where a number you have assigned to each character (placed in their bubble) corresponds with the explanation that is either below your map or on a separate page attached to your mind map.
 - When writing your explanations, think about why you feel a certain way towards a character.
 - Did they do something you like or didn't like? Did they say something that hit you the wrong way or made you feel empowered? Is there something about the character that reminds you of someone you know? Is there something about the character that remind you of yourself? Use examples from the text to help you show where that feeling or connection comes from for you.

Required Characters:

- ☐ Rashad Butler
- ☐ Quinn Collins
- ☐ Paul Galluzzo
- ☐ David Butler
- ☐ Spoony Butler
- ☐ Guzzo

You may add Dwyer, English Jones, Jessica Butler, Shannon Pushcart, Willy, Chief Killabrew, Ma Collins, Carlos Greene, Clarissa, Mrs. Cambi, Dr. Barnes, and Berry Jones to your map if you would like, but you do not need to provide your impression in the legend. If you found one or two of the optional characters to connect with you strongly (either favorably or unfavorably), I encourage you to write about it, although it is not a requirement.