LIVO CATCH-UP 10
Ghost Boys

You have missed some lessons. Don't worry – this will give you the essential knowledge you need to join back in.

1 WHAT IS IT?

Ghost Boys is a novel written by **Jewell Parker Rhodes.**

It is a powerful and thought-provoking story about a young boy and the important issues of race, justice and equality in modern-day America.

2 WHO IS THE MAIN CHARACTER?

The main character is a young black boy called **Jerome.**

He is:

- kind
- thoughtful
- funny
- creative
- sensitive
- sees the world in a unique way

3 WHO ARE THE OTHER CHARACTERS?

You will meet several other important characters, including:

- Jerome's family
- his friends
- other boys
- people in the community

Each character helps to show different perspectives and ideas in the story.

4 KEY THEMES

- RACE AND DISCRIMINATION
- JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS
- IDENTITY AND BELONGING
- FAMILY AND LOVE
- FRIENDSHIP AND KINDNESS
- HOPE AND CHANGE

5 WHERE AND WHEN?

The story is set in a modern-day city in America.

It explores real-life issues that still happen today and shows what it is like to be a young black boy in this society.

6 WHAT IS THE MAIN MESSAGE?

The novel encourages us to think about:

- how people treat each other
- the importance of fairness and justice
- the impact of prejudice
- the value of every life
- the need for empathy, understanding and change

"Every person matters.

7 KEY CONTEXT

The novel is inspired by real events and explores:

- racial injustice
- the Black Lives Matter movement
- the experiences of young black people
- the power of protest and speaking out
- why it is important to challenge discrimination and inequality

8 AUTHOR'S MESSAGE

Jewell Parker Rhodes wants readers to:

- see the world through someone else's eyes
- think about fairness and justice
- recognise the importance of kindness and empathy
- understand that change is possible

9 KEY QUOTE TO KNOW

"I am more than what you see."

This shows the importance of identity, how people can be misunderstood and that everyone is more than the assumptions others make about them.

10 YOUR CATCH-UP 10

Answer these without looking back.

1. Who wrote Ghost Boys?
2. What is the main character's name?
3. What is the setting of the story?
4. Name two key themes in the novel.
5. Give two words to describe Jerome.
6. What important issues does the novel explore?
7. Name one group or movement linked to the novel.
8. What does the key quote suggest?
9. Why do you think the author wrote this novel?
10. What questions do you think the novel makes readers think about?

FINAL CHECK

I now know:

- ☐ What Ghost Boys is
- ☐ Who the main character is
- ☐ Where and when the story is set
- ☐ Key themes in the novel
- ☐ Important context
- ☐ The author's message
- ☐ One key quote and what it shows

NOW I'M READY TO REJOIN THE LESSON!