Side by Side Reading

Historical fiction, nonfiction, books, newspaper, magazine etc....

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Fiction/Nonfiction
Bud, Not Buddy

During the month of February, we will be reading Bud, Not Buddy. This historical fiction novel, written by Christopher Paul Curtis, is a time-piece set during The Great Depression Era/The Jazz Age. In order to fully grasp the setting and appreciate the plot, we need to familiarize ourselves with the time period. Therefore, you will read a nonfiction book to read “Side by Side” with Bud, Not Buddy.

You have a choice of the following topics:
1. The Great Depression (1929-1939)
2. The Jazz Age (impact, significance of the music on Americans)
3. Biographies of Important People
   - Herbert Hoover
   - Franklin Delano Roosevelt
   - J. Edgar Hoover
   - Al Capone
   - John Dillinger
   - Dorothy Dandridge
   - Duke Ellington
   - Count Basie

A book about your chosen topic is due on Monday, February 7th for check-in. It is very important that you meet this due date since the Side by Side reading will be completed in school. You will have AT LEAST ten minutes a day, sometimes more, spent reading your nonfiction book. Don’t forget to apply the five finger rule. It will help you find a book appropriate for your reading level. If you are having difficulty finding a book please ask for help a few of days before it is due.

To Do List by Monday, February 7th:

__ Ask an adult to take me to the library and purchase 1 or 2 packets of post-it notes.
__ Find a few books of interest.
__ Apply the five finger rule.
__ Select one nonfiction book at my reading level.
__ Show a parent the book choice and have them sign this sheet.
__ Bring book and this handout to school on/before due date.
__ Show teacher my book during Literature class.

I have completed my to do list.

Student Signature ________________________________

Parent Signature ________________________________