\*The following is an sample reading check for the memoir, *Black Boy*. This check assesses students’ ability to comprehend and articulate the important events, details, characters, ideas and themes of the text. These checks can be given on paper or in a Google Form.

***Black Boy* Reading Check #1:**

*In the spaces provided, write your answers to the following questions. Be as specific as possible. Remember that in order to receive full credit, you must demonstrate not just recall of the facts of what happened, but also give an idea of how it is important to the story.*

1. What happens to Richard at the start of the text? How does this event change Richard’s perspective on the world?

2. What happens between Richard and the cat? How does this event illustrate important ideas about Richard’s character?

3. How would you describe Richard’s experience with education?

4. How does hunger play a role in Richard’s life?

**Rubric:**

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| Textual Analysis: Development | Provides a general outline of the development of the key event(s), individual(s), or idea(s)/concept(s) in a text. | Uses specific information in a text to show how a key event, individual, or idea/concept is introduced, explained, and developed in the text. | Explains how events, individuals, and/or ideas/concepts interact within a text and contribute to the development of the storyline or theme/central idea. Analyzes how the text makes connections and distinctions between or among key events, individuals, and/or ideas/concepts. | Analyzes clearly and accurately the development of a complex event, individual (e.g., someone with conflicting motivations) and/or idea/concept within a text. Analysis includes how the complex event, individual, and/or idea/concept is introduced, explained, and developed, and how it connects, is distinguished from, and interacts with other elements in the text. |

Level 2 - Partially summarizes information but does not entirely summarize and explain the answers.

Level 3 - Completely summarizes the events but does not analyze the larger impact of ideas in the text.

Level 4 - Completely summarizes events and partially analyzes the larger impact of ideas in the text.

Level 5 - Completely summarizes events and completely analyzes the larger impact of ideas in the text.