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## PABLO CASALS MIDDLE SCHOOL 181

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope that your upcoming summer vacation is enjoyable and safe. We expect our students to maintain their literacy skill level during this time. To achieve this goal, the Pablo Casals 181 Literacy Department has mandated summer assignments.

The reading comprehension activities in this packet are based on the following novels:

**Shooting Kabul by N.H. Senzai**  
**Kira-Kira by Cynthia Kadohata**

All assignments can be found on the following site:

<http://welcometo181.weebly.com>

Your child's literacy teacher will collect the summer work the second week of school. This is an essential first step on the path to success at MS 181. The assessments will constitute an important part of the first marking period grade and it is essential that your child complete all summer assignments and submit them on time!

Have a wonderful summer vacation. We look forward to seeing you in September!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kirrane, Assistant Principal, Literacy



**Please answer the following short response questions based on the novels, Shooting Kabul & Kira-Kira. You should follow the RAD2 format. R = Restate the Question, A = Answer the Question, D2 = 2 details from the text must be used.**  
**\*Remember, for every detail you must justify why the detail supports the answer using your own words.\***

1. At his new school, Fadi “. . . felt as though he were hidden behind a camera lens, watching another world whirl past in shattered fragments.” (p. 84). Apply this quote to Katie, from Kira-Kira. What would her camera lens show? How does she see the world? Make sure to use evidence from the story to support your answer. (See attached rubric for grading outline. Grade yourself based on your final product).

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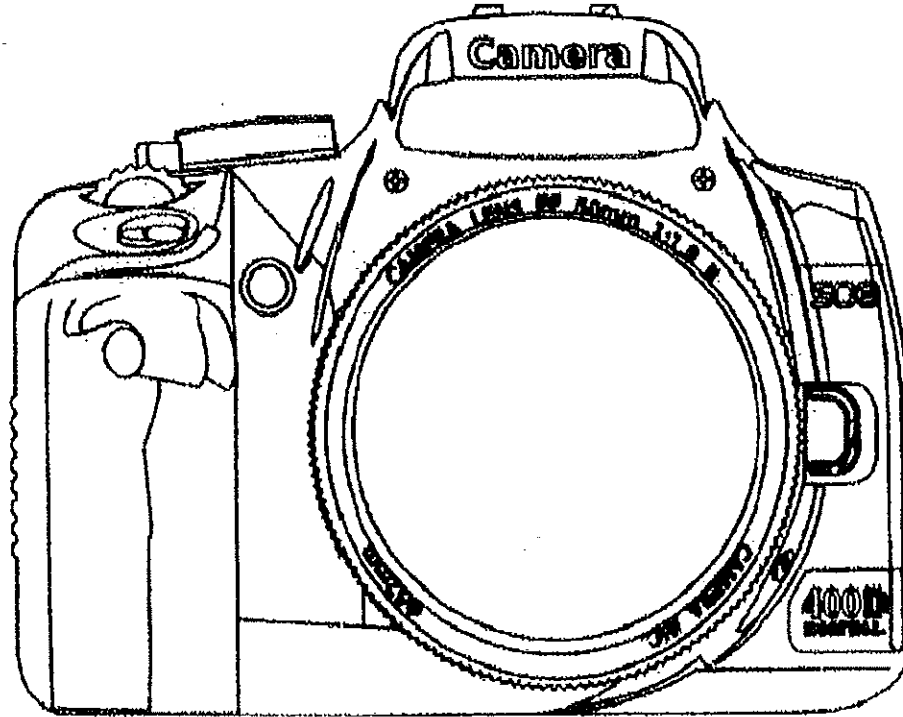
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**Grading Outline Question 1:** At his new school, Fadi "... felt as though he were hidden behind a camera lens, watching another world whirl past in shattered fragments." (p. 84). Apply this quote to Katie, from Kira-Kira. What would her camera lens show? How does she see the world? Make sure to use evidence from the story to support your answer.

Category	Points	My Grade for Myself	I showed it by...	Actual Grade (for teacher use)
Students explained how the quote from <u>Shooting Kabul</u> related to Katie from <u>Kira-Kira</u>	10			
Student provided evidence from the text in the form of a quote to prove the relationship	10			
Student used their own words to explain the connection	10			
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>			

2.

Decorate the camera to fit Katie's perspective on the world. Choose a significant moment in the story and draw a picture of it inside the camera lens. Complete the chart to show the event & why it played a significant role in the story.

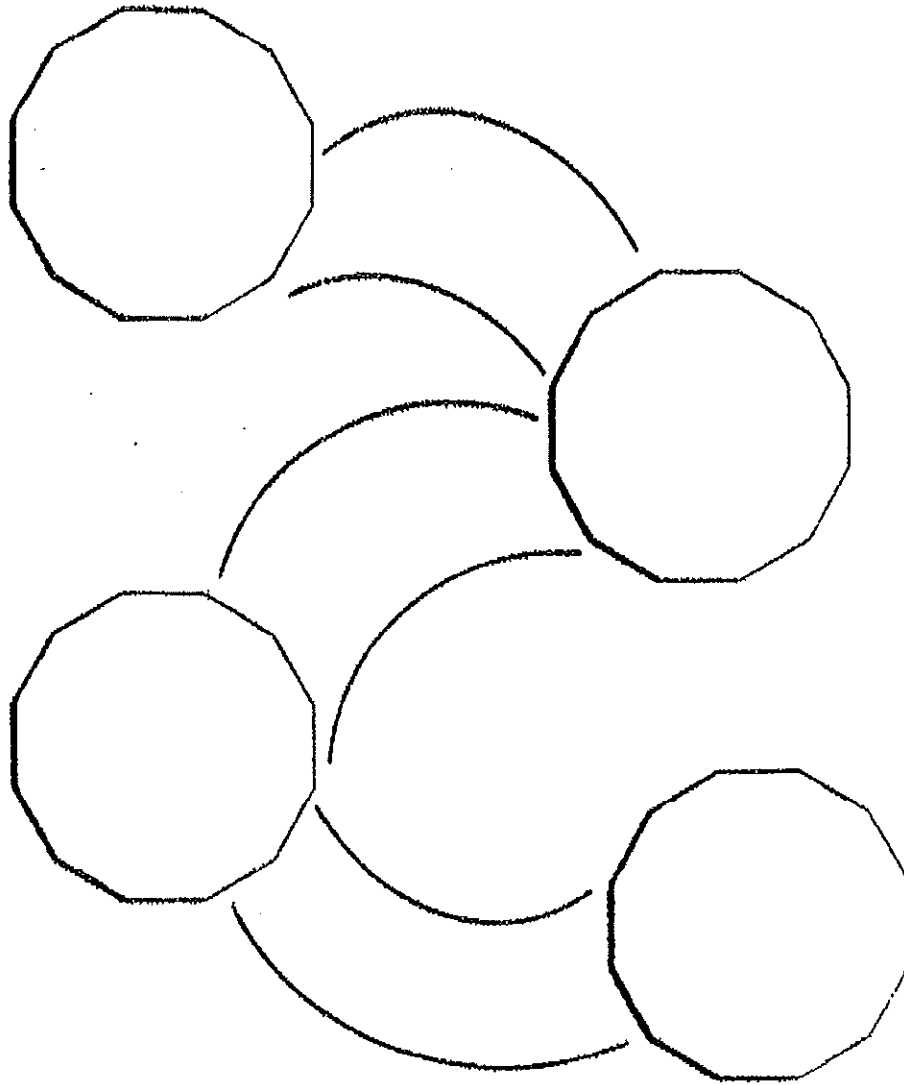


Brief Summary of the Event

Explanation of the Event's Significance

<b>Question 2: Camera Lens</b>				
<b>Category</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>My Grade for Myself</b>	<b>I showed it by...</b>	<b>Actual Grade (for teacher use)</b>
Students chose an event from <u>Kira-Kira</u> that was significant to the story & depicted it in the camera lens	10			
Students adequately summarized the event	10			
Students explained the significance of the event using their own words.	10			
Students decorated the camera to illustrate Katie's personality	10			
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>			

On the graphic organizer below, write down moments in Shooting Kabul that helped to drive the story. You will support your choice by explaining why the event played a key role. You will write the important moment in the circle (stone) and the explanation as to why it drove the plot forward on the path



**Question 3: Graphic Organizer**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>My Grade for Myself</b>	<b>I showed it by...</b>	<b>Actual Grade (for teacher use)</b>
Event 1: Was a driving force in the story	5			
Event 1: How event played a key role was explained	5			
Event 2: Was a driving force in the story	5			
Event 2: How event played a key role was explained	5			
Event 3: Was a driving force in the story	5			
Event 3: How event played a key role was explained	5			
Event 4: Was a driving force in the story	5			
Event 4: How event played a key role was explained	5			
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>			