

HISTORY SUMMER READING

Seventh Grade

Fiction is an often-overlooked yet powerful way to study history. In addition to being a fascinating way to study facts, it also exposes us to the complicated feelings and motives of those who have had a significant impact on our past. Your required summer reading book for history is *I Am Regina*, by Sally M. Keehn (a Newbery Book Award winner). This book, based on fact, tells of an 18th century Pennsylvania pioneer girl who has been kidnapped by Allegheny Indians. As she struggles through her new life, Regina discovers some surprising truths about her culture and the culture of her new Indian family.

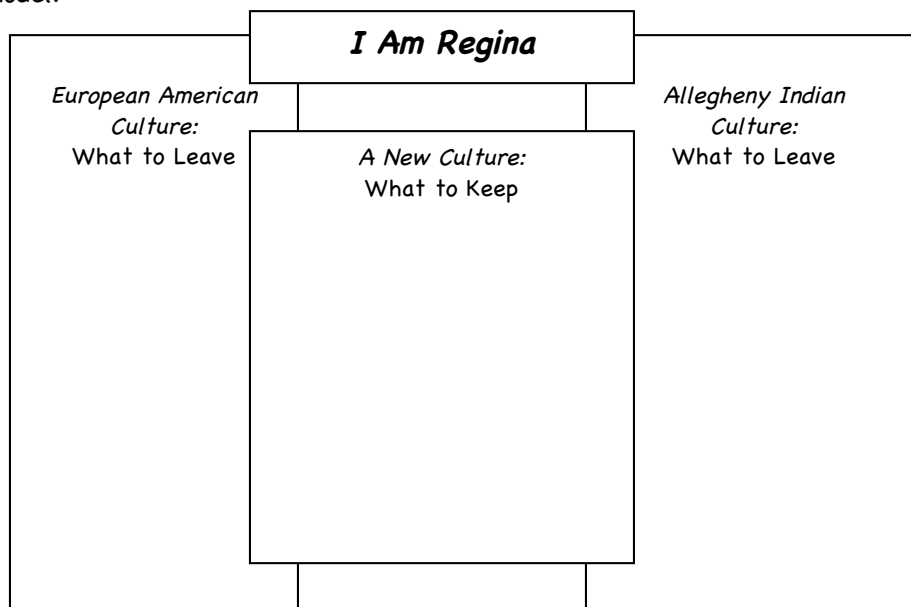
After you have read the book, choose one of the following:

1. Write a 1-2 page final chapter describing the first months of Regina's life as she rejoins her original American family. Be sure to show how she must have struggled **between** the ways of her Indian family and those of her newfound European-American family. I expect you to include several **specific references** from the text (with page numbers) in your chapter.

OR

2. Complete a visual explaining how you would create a "new culture," one that takes the best from both the Indian and the European American cultures. Be sure to show what cultural practices you would not keep in your new culture as well as those you would keep. I expect you to include lots of **specific references** from the text (with page numbers) as examples.

Possible model:



This assignment is due on the very first day of school. If you have any questions, you can contact your 7th grade history teacher, Ms. Petrich, at jpetrich@charleswright.org or at her website, www.charleswright.org (click on Faculty and Staff, then *Faculty Web Pages* and finally, *Jenise Petrich*).