

## ***Intentional Reading Lesson 1***

**Quick Write: Is kneeling during the national anthem a peaceful protest or a disrespectful action? Write at least 5 sentences explaining your answer:**

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**Read the following article. As you read, underline things you agree with and put question marks by the things you disagree with or don't understand.**

**Admiral gets standing ovation for Colin Kaepernick remark at Pearl Harbor ceremony**



Say this about San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick: His national-anthem protest drew a lot of attention, from all corners.

At a ceremony in Hawaii on Wednesday to mark the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, U.S. Pacific Command Commander Adm. Harry Harris made a remark that was clearly about the quarterback.

“You can bet that the men and women we honor today – and those who died that fateful morning 75 years ago – never took a knee and never failed to stand whenever they heard our national anthem being played,” Harris said, according to the Associated Press.

The AP reported that comment drew “a lengthy standing ovation from the crowd, with people whistling and hooting.”

Kaepernick started to kneel for the national anthem this preseason, and said he was doing so to bring attention to racial injustice and police brutality.

The story became one of the biggest in the NFL in recent years. Other NFL players started to also take a knee during the anthem, or join the protest in other ways. The attention to Kaepernick’s protest has died down in recent weeks, though it kicked up again when Kaepernick’s decision to wear a shirt with the late Fidel Castro on it was questioned.

Even during an important remembrance of one of the biggest and most tragic days in American history, Kaepernick’s protest came up. And it drew another strong reaction.

Colin Kaepernick has carried on a national anthem protest all season. (AP)

**Answer the following questions using the article:**

**1) Which two of Kaepernick's controversial actions does this article point out?**

**2) Why did people give a standing ovation to the U.S. Pacific Command Commander Adm. Harry Harris?**

**3) The commander made a controversial statement, and Kaepernick performed a controversial action. How are the two men's motivations, actions, and the results of their actions different? How are they the same?**

## ***Intentional Reading Lesson 2***

**Quick Write:**

**If someone approached you with a weapon and told you to get into their car, what would you do? Explain in at least 5 sentences.**

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**Read the following article. As you read, underline any information you feel would be important for police to know.**

DECEMBER 7, 2016 10:48 PM

A woman asked her if she dropped an envelope. She was then kidnapped and robbed.

**BY CARLI TEPROFF**



She was on her way to school, when the 21-year-old college student stopped off at an ATM to get \$400 to pay off some of her car expenses.

That's when a woman approached her and asked if she had dropped an envelope.

The next thing she knew was she was being forced into the woman's car at gunpoint and being robbed of her money and jewelry by that woman and another one.

“It's been really hard,” the woman, who did not want to be identified, told reporters Wednesday at a news conference at the Miramar Police Department. “I'm feeling broken.”

The incident happened Nov. 28 at a branch of Wells Fargo, 6812 Miramar Pkwy. And police say it's not the first time the pair have committed a similar crime.

Tania Rues, a spokeswoman for Miramar police, says detectives believe the pair is responsible for at least one more robbery in the city and could be behind about dozen more in other South Florida cities.

“They are getting more aggressive,” Rues said after the conference, which was called to get the community’s help in identifying the women.

The first incident happened Nov. 21 at a bus stop on Douglas Road and Miramar Parkway. The victim told police that two women in a car pulled up and asked for help with an address. One of them then pointed a gun at her and told her to get in the car. They then drove her to a Wells Fargo and forced her to withdraw cash from an ATM.

They then took her to another bank, where they made her withdraw more money. They then took her to the Publix parking lot at 9951 Miramar Pkwy., where they released her.

In the case of the college student, Rues said after taking the \$400, they took her to another ATM to withdraw the rest of what was in her account: \$60. They released her at the Dollar General, 6901 Miramar Pkwy.

Detectives hope a description of the women and video from a Wells Fargo Branch will help identify the women. The first woman is described as heavy set, approximately five feet, two inches to five feet, four inches tall, 30 to 40 years old with a tattoo of a cross on her ring finger. The second woman is described as approximately five feet, seven inches to five feet nine inches, 30 to 40 years-old, with gold teeth and usually wears medical scrubs. Any one with information is asked to call Broward Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS (8477).

**Write 5-10 sentences as if you are the two robbers on your way to the next robbery. What are you thinking? What do you talk about? Why are you doing this? Include dialogue between the two women.**

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### *Intentional Reading Lesson 3*

Take the following survey by selecting “Y” for yes or “N” for no.

- 1) Did your parents read to you often as a child? Y N
- 2) Do you read outside of assigned school reading? Y N
- 3) Do you have assigned reading outside of class at least once a week? Y N
- 4) Do you read articles on social media? (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) Y N
- 5) How do you get most of your information about current events? Y N
- 6) Do you feel you are knowledgeable about current events? Y N
- 7) Do you think of reading as a positive thing? Y N
- 8) Do you feel you have an overall positive attitude? Y N
- 9) Do you feel your attitude is affected by your schoolwork? Y N
- 10) Do you find schoolwork rewarding? Y N

**While you read:**

**As you read the following article, underline the benefits of reading.**

**As links between literacy and depression become clear, why reading matters**

*By Kelsi Farrington*

4 November, 2016

Research reveals that children in England have less positive attitudes to reading than some European counterparts, while a third of adults don't read for pleasure. We know this affects wellbeing, so can we make reading appealing again?

Literacy helps us access many forms of mainstream education and is a form of creative escapism too. "Once you learn to read, you will be forever free," US anti-slavery campaigner Frederick Douglass is quoted to have said.

But, statistics from the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study suggest that the proportion of English children with a positive attitude towards reading is significantly lower than in other countries, including Georgia, Romania and Azerbaijan. What is more, an estimated 36 per cent of adults in England do not read for pleasure and in people aged 16-24, this is even higher, 44 per cent.

With reading also linked to improved mental health and resilience against depression, these facts have not gone unnoticed. This week's #LovetoRead weekend is part of a campaign by the BBC to put reading at the centre of their programming this autumn. Charities, libraries and publishers are also getting involved, including

London-based charity The Reading Agency. The organisation helps readers of all ages improve their literacy skills, and will hold an event at the British Museum in London with BBC Radio 1 presenter Gemma Cairney this evening to encourage and celebrating the joy of reading. "I love words and their power," says Cairney. "I love connecting people through books."





Young readers at The Reading Agency's Summer Challenge – Deptford Library, London. Image: Dave Warren  
“We asked Gemma to take part in this year's event for many reasons,” explains Sue Wilkinson, CEO of The Reading Agency. “She is a wonderful advocate for the power and importance of reading and we are very keen to hear her thoughts on how we might encourage more young people to read more – with all the life benefits we know that can bring. Gemma has also been active in an area which is very important to us: mental health.” This is the fifth in a series of annual events organised by The Reading Agency that invite leading writers and public figures to share original ideas about the future of reading in the UK. Gemma Cairney follows in the footsteps of authors Jeanette Winterson and Neil Gaiman, comedian and TV personality Russell Brand, and politician and former director of civil rights campaign group Liberty, Shami Chakrabarti.

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Cairney's new book, *Open: A Toolkit for How Magic and Messed Up Life Can Be*, will be released in March and aims to offer honest life advice for young people.

“We're really interested to hear Gemma's views on how reading can support mental health and wellbeing,” says Wilkinson. “It builds on her work on Radio 1's [weekly advice show] *The Surgery* and will give people a sneak preview of what will be in her book.”

The Reading Agency runs schemes hand in hand with libraries including the [Reading Well](#) program for 13-18 year olds. Designed to help young people understand and manage common mental health issues, it gathers a list of recommended books which are then made available in local libraries. The libraries involved report the titles have been loaned out 263 per cent more frequently since the scheme was launched in April. Wilkinson suggests this demonstrates a clear need among young people for support and advice on this subject.

“We believe that everything changes when we read,” she says. “Reading takes you out of yourself and introduces you to new people, new communities and new worlds. It's proven to be a more powerful factor in life achievement than a reader's socioeconomic background and it is associated with higher levels of empathy and improved relationships with others. These benefits are increased if you enjoy reading, so it's not about what you read: the important thing is that you read in a way that feels right for you, and that you enjoy it.”

This evening's event will discuss the role reading has played in Cairney's life, the barriers faced by those who struggle to read, and explore young people's experiences of mental health challenges.

**Share the answers to your survey with an elbow partner. Discuss the differences in your experiences with schoolwork and reading. Are you alike? Different? How?**