

Assignment Ideas for I Ran So You Could Fly (The Paris O'Ree Story)

This resource provides a range of flexible assignment ideas designed for Canadian secondary classrooms. Assignments support English Language Arts, Social Studies, and Black History studies, and may be adapted for individual, small-group, or whole-class instruction.

- Literary Analysis Essay: Analyze how the novel explores freedom, resistance, or moral courage using textual evidence.
- Character Reflection Journal: Write a series of journal entries from the perspective of a key character at pivotal moments.
- Historical Inquiry Project: Research a real historical event or figure connected to the themes of the novel and present findings.
- Creative Monologue: Create a dramatic monologue that gives voice to a character whose perspective is often unheard.
- Comparative Reflection: Compare the novel's events with contemporary issues of equity, justice, or human rights.
- Visual Storytelling Project: Create artwork, a graphic scene, or a digital storyboard representing a key moment from the novel.
- Found Poetry Assignment: Use lines or themes from the text to construct an original poem.
- Media Connection Task: Analyze how modern media portrays similar themes of freedom or injustice.
- Debate or Seminar: Participate in a guided discussion or debate on ethical choices faced by characters.
- Personal Response Essay: Reflect on how the story changed or challenged your understanding of history.