

We talked about how books can be a mirror (reflecting your life back to you) or a window into the way other people live and think. What is one thing (or more) you discovered about a culture, a religion, a gender, a way of life, a social issue, and/or the world from reading this year?

- People do dump things like the snake in Florida they let it go in the wild and they grow big and lay lots of eggs now it is a problem.
- That genocide can happen as a byproduct of indifference. I learned this from the speech analysis.
- I learned about the genocide that took place in Tree Girl and how devastating it was.
- That transgender and transexual are two different things.
- This year I learned about the genocides in Guatemala, gender differences and social issues, like GMO labels and Republicans and Trump.
- I discovered more about genocide and more about social issues like gender, culture and religion.
- This year, I discovered how the life of trans-genders life can be (pretty bad).
- One thing I learned about is the genocide in Tree Girl. I did not know about it before.
- That war is not the same thing from the eyes of someone seeing it on the media than from someone seeing it happen right in front of them.
- I discovered that it's hard to have a disease. I learned this from Everything Everything. Also, when you have a disease, you are treated differently from everybody else, and I don't think that's fair.
- I discovered what it is like to be transgendered and gay from reading Boy meets boy and Parrotfish.
- Something I learned was how cruel the world could be. The book that showed me this was Tree Girl.
- Nothing

- One thing I've discovered about a gender issue, from reading this year, is that not everyone is excepted for who they are (especially gay and or transgender people.)
- I learned that there was a guatamala genocide. Before reading Tree Girl. I didnt know there was a genocide.
- I learned there have been more genocides then we know of and that the victims are almost always innocent.
- I did not know that the guatamala genecide was a thing, I had never heard of it before this year.
- I learned from treegirl that all of my problems are so petty.
- I discovered about the relationships about people and how they are the same and different.
- I never knew about the genocide in Guateamala so it was fun to read Tree girl then hear a Ted Talk in Writing class about it and then Dr. Donovan talking about it in her speech.
- That people argue a lot about these topics because I have read countless articles and stories about these issues and they argue a lot about how govermnet should of done something, etc.
- That life for others can be really hard iven if you dont see it.
- When we say that,(saying that thats a mirror to me or a window) it means it is reflecting a kind of a excperience they hade from the book, poem, or speech.
- I learned about genoside because i never learned it or knew what it was. Tree Girl really helped me more understand genoside and that it was and might be a big deal now.
- I learned about different cultures, fir example when we read tree girl I had not heard of a war in Guatemala or a mayan tribe.
- I discovered that id you have scid most if your life you are locked in with nit many people to talk to and you are mostly alergyc to everything.
- One thing I have learned from reasing Tree Girl and Stuck in Neutral is that someone is always gonna have it worse than you.

- I learned that people are debating on whether polar bears should be in the zoo or the wild.
- Ive learned that there is still many people who are against gay marriage !! But why if it is their relationship not yours It aint hurting you !!!! Thats what i dont get .. I got a lot of respect for lesbian \ bisexual people they got strength by just admitting they is bisexual .. Again i say they aint hurting your relationship ... Plus it aint yours !!!!!
- Most of interesting books I read were usually windows since I never heard about so its new to me.
- I discovered how different life is around the world and how others have to live and try to live with it. I also discovered how people celebrate their culture and all the terrible things that happened to their life like the Genocide in Rwanda.
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- What I learned about mirrors and religion is that they are all different and that they have different things that I don't do or other people
- That life was hard back in the 1900s and it was hard having social issues and also being transgender.
- I discovered that there are still slaves to this day.
- The book I read three months ago about an Indian girl had to marry a 12 year old boy to give the money to her family . In India at a young age you marry young to provide for your family.
- That books can relate to your own life and that you thought you were the only person that has a weird life, but when you read it you say I can totally relate to this.
- I discover that all books have different subjects and they all relate in something in this world like Tree Girl it was religion and culture and crossover was a way of life. So I learned all books have a different meaning.
- That a lot of people are similar to me and completely different.
- I discovered that there was a genocide in Guatemala and no one was punished for it until now.
- Tree Girl. Genocide That they were killing innocent people and harming them.

- I learned that america isnt the only country with social and violent problems.For example,in Tree Girl it was about a war in Guatamela.
- I learned that you can imagine it and you have to understand the book youre reading so you can enjoy it
- I learned that evryone has a story about their life some are good and some are bad some are mirrors and some are windows.
- I discovered that mostly people are bullied because of their image/race and sometimes the victim doesn't even do anything, they will eventually ignore them until you can't handle and want to turn intoa bully.
- What i have learned is that in each story there is somthing to it like a background to each story and i learned about many diffrent counties and transgenders and LGBT Group and many diffrent things about books .
- I never knew that their was a genocide in Guatemala where their villages were burned and thousands of people were assacinated and how many families were torn apart because of it.
- I learned that even with all these nasty things in the world, there is still happiness. Evn though we can't see it, it's always there.
- I learned that back then when the mayan people were livng in their villages they would get killed by soldiers because there was a genecide of removing every mayan.
- Not everything is easy in life mostly you have to try
- That there is lots of issues in this world but we only know about the small issues. Which reading made us(me) know of what actually happened in this world.
- This year I learned about ways of life from books this year, I learned that women in Saudi Arabia had no rights to do much. I learned that life can punch you in the gut because in books like Counting by Seven's Willow's life slowly ripped apart the was sown back together.
- I have discovered that I have a lot of courage and I am willing to try something new. How did I figure out this through books? Well, the book "everything everything" showed me that its okay to step out of your comfort zone. It is one of the best books I have ever read.

- Something I discovered was that
- I learned that people could be trans gender (a complete window) which is kind of like being gay but in a totally different way. I read the book Parrorafish and in it was a girl who wanted to be a boy, that's transgender
- I discovered more about how the world works and science and a lot of cool non-fiction things about life and the world which makes me happy because it is cool and I like new things.
- I discovered about the conflict in Guatemala when we read Tree Girl.
- I learned that culture does define who you are, it is a part of you. Yes, some people go to a different culture and learn new things, but it's up to you to stay true to your self.
- Tree Girl is a mirror because I lost a family member and a window because I did not live in a camp, and I do have somewhere to live.
- I don't know .
- Orbiting Jupiter because that book is a window to me because I can see the struggle that is happening between a teenage dad and his daughter
- I learned how difficult bullying can be on a trans gender. I also learned how it could be hard to live if you have a disability and can't do certain things.
- People all around the world are dying from starvation and all people do are ignore it and hope it goes away.
- I already knew that life and the real world is messed up, I already knew that lots of different people have very different lives, and I already knew that people of certain genders (like women, or people who are transgender) can have a really bad time in life. But, I did not know the struggles of someone who is mixed race. Which is strange, because I'm half Brazilian and half American. I've never looked into the subject of mixed race people, and how we could not know who we are, or where we belong. The book I read, called Nothing But The Truth (and a few white lies), helped me know more about this subject as a whole.
- Something that I discovered during my reading was how religion always seemed to have caused a lot of things whether they were good and bad and always seems

like the center of the story and not only that but how people put so much faith into "god" because they were thought from the start.

- I learned there were a lot more genocides in the world and that some are still going on.
- A social issue that I learned about would be women's rights in India. I learned that in Uttar Pradesh there is a gang of women who embarrass or beat up men who mistreat women called the Gulabi Gang.