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Grade 6
Research Spring Break Essay Project
40% of your Grade

Inside Out and Back Again

In this book that tells its story in free, or non-rhyming verse, ten-year-old Hà describes her family life in Saigon in 1975, the year that Saigon fell to the Communists. She lives with her mother and three older brothers, just scraping by while her father, who has been captured by the North Vietnamese army, is not there to help. Given a choice, mother decides to take her family to America where she believes her children may eventually receive college education. After spending some time in a Florida refugee camp, Hà and her family are accepted by a sponsor who takes them to Alabama.

In a well developed 4-5 paragraph essay:

- Briefly describe the Vietnam War and how it was started
- Describe the people who were able to leave South Vietnam when their government fell to the Communists of North Vietnam.
- Explain the problems they faced in America and other places where they settled
- Describe how they built new lives for themselves.
- Include a BIBLIOGRAPHY to show where you obtained your research from

****Essay must be typed with a cover-page and a bibliography****