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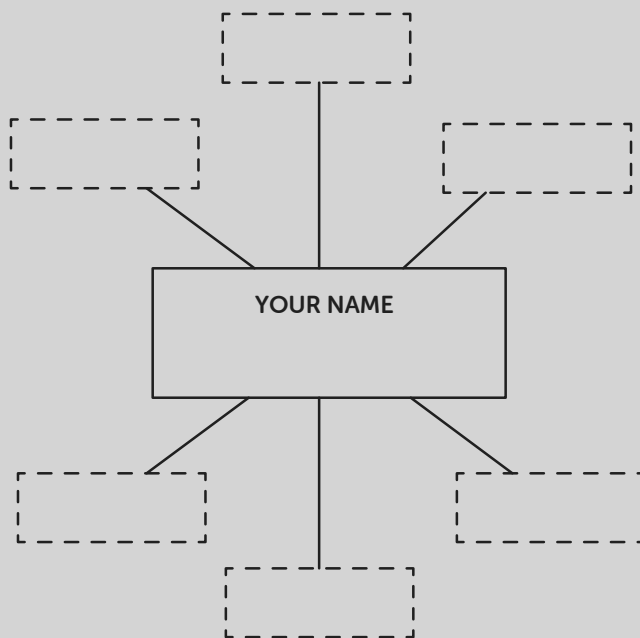
## A Nic Stone Reading Challenge

In very Nic Stone fashion, the author has created a reading challenge that is unique to all of our others! Rather than curating a book list, Nic Stone challenges you to read a book about a person who is as vastly different than you (on the surface) as you can find. Look for a book about a main character who seems like they have nothing in common with you. Then, once you have read the book, look for the similarities that you actually have with the character and elements that you can identify with in their personality or experience. The goal? More humanity! As Nic said, we live in divisive times and sometimes "divisiveness comes from people who inoculate themselves from people who are different from them. Actively reading a story about someone who is different has the power to open us up in ways that we wouldn't expect."



## My Character Map

1. Create a map of your identity. Consider your personality traits, appearance, race, gender, religion, community, family makeup, and anything else that makes you, well, YOU!
2. Visit your nearest library to ask the librarian for book recommendations about a character who is very different than you! (You can show the librarian your identity map to help them find your selection).
3. Read the book that you check out!
4. Consider what you have in common with the main character who *seems* so different than you.
5. Share this challenge with someone else.



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### Reading Log

Color in a book for every 30 minutes that you read.



30m



60m



90m



120m



150m



180m



210m



240m



270m



300m



Nic Stone was a guest on the Beanstack podcast, The Reading Culture, where she shared about this challenge and about her journey to becoming a writer.

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