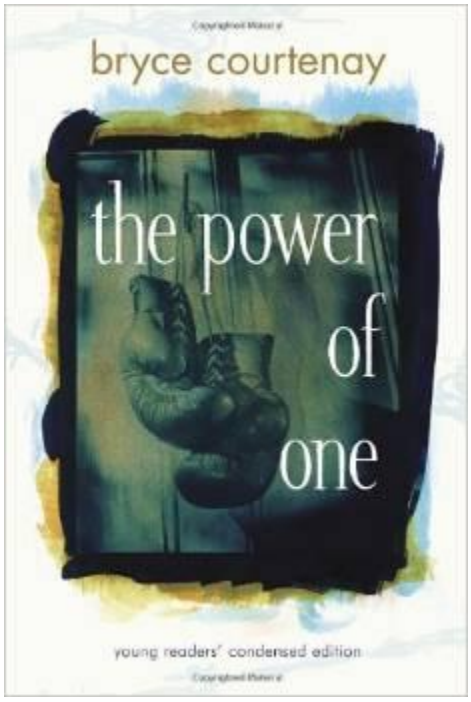

Grade 9 –Freshman Writing – Summer Reading Primer

Text: *The Power of One,* by Bryce Courtenay

Young Readers' Condensed Edition

There is no question that you, like the freshmen before you, will enjoy this novel, a story set around Peekay, a boy born into hardship who fights his way—literally, as a boxer—to a fulfilling life. **As you read, make sure that you are annotating** as you move ahead, gradually, <u>focusing on the novel's rich characters</u>. When you return in the fall, **you should have an annotated text** that will direct you to important scenes in which the following characters—and more--are developed and brought to life:

*** Peekay * Doc * Geel Piet * The Judge * Mrs. Boxall * Peekay's mom**

*** Grandpa * Nanny * Borman * Hoppie Groenewald * Big Hettie**

*** Inkosi-Inkosikazi * Solly Goldman * Granpa Chook * Rasputin**

Most importantly, take your time as you read this novel, and focus on reading in forty-five-minute intervals—such an approach will prepare you for the reading stamina required in ninth grade.

"Read with your heart and your head—and with a pen in your hand!" -- Peekay