Journal #3 – Due November 23, 2015

Explain a connection that you made with your book. Make sure you give enough information about the book for me to understand.

Date: November 16, 2015

Title: The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

Author: John Boyne

This is an example of the one we used for the first journal entry. Now you are going to tell me about connections you are making with the book you are currently reading.

 While reading Ch. 3 of The Boy in the Striped Pajamas, I made many connections. One example of a text-to-self (T-S) connection happened when Bruno was describing what Berlin looked like on p. 12. He describes a city that is very much alive and bustling. Berlin seems like the kind of large city that is crowded with people and that there is always something fun to do. This reminded me of the great city of New York. When I visited New York I was amazed with the number of people who were walking the streets. Around every corner there was something new to see or something different to buy. I imagine that Berlin must be similar to New York after reading Bruno description of it.

My second connection is also a T-S connection. On p. 17 Bruno kind of loses his temper and goes on a rant about how father’s job is taking them away from what is important to him. He says some things that he probably shouldn’t say, and I horrified to see that his parent’s bedroom door is open. He is very afraid that his father might be in the room and has overheard what he said. I have felt this way before. Sometimes I say more than I should about things, especially when I’m upset and feel that something is unfair. Sometimes people overhear these “rants” and then I have instant remorse, so I can totally relate to who Bruno felt in this instant.

 So far I’m enjoying The Boy in the Striped Pajamas!