

Rite of Passage Performance Task

As Johnny slept at the end of *Rite of Passage*, the police tracked the gang down and busted in on Gink's place. All the boys were arrested and taken to the police station for processing.

You are part of a team of social workers that has been assigned to Johnny's case. Using all of the information in the book, you need to prepare a document for the court that recommends what should happen next. Should he go to jail? Be sent back to one of the foster homes? Be emancipated? Is/are there some other option(s) that is/are appropriate?

Your document and recommendation(s) need to address all of the following elements:

- Your vision for what Johnny's future can and should be
- Johnny's strengths and weaknesses
- The crimes Johnny committed
- Johnny's family situation and other circumstances
- Johnny's emotions and attitudes that are revealed throughout the book

A strong performance on this task will

- present one or more clear, thoughtful recommendation(s)
- persuasively connect the reasons for the recommendation(s) with specific references to the novel
- demonstrate an understanding of multiple perspectives, taking into account how complicated Johnny's situation is
- recognize the audience for the recommendation is a the judge assigned to the case, using counterargument strategy when appropriate