

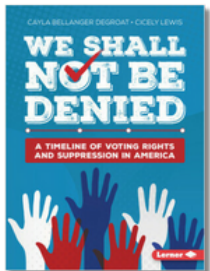
Winter Academy Discussion Guide Grade 5



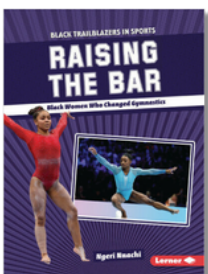
1. Angie Thomas didn't see herself in books growing up, so she found self-expression in hip-hop and wrote her own rhymes. Why do you think it's important to see yourself or people like you in stories?
2. When Angie went to college, she realized how different her life experiences were from those of her classmates. How can being exposed to different backgrounds and life experiences shape our understanding of the world and each other?
3. Angie Thomas was inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement to write *The Hate U Give*. How can storytelling and books be powerful tools for social change, and why might this be especially meaningful for young readers?



1. What challenges does Cruzita face in learning mariachi and adapting to her family's traditions? How does she overcome these challenges?
2. If you were in Cruzita's place, would you feel frustrated or excited about spending the summer in a bakery and learning mariachi?
3. Why do you think Cruzita feels so strongly about becoming a pop star? How does her idea of being a "star" change as she learns more about her family's traditions and music?



1. Why do you think voting rights are important, even for people who can't vote yet? How could voting impact their lives or their communities?
2. The book talks about people from underrepresented groups who fought for voting rights. Why do you think it was important for them to have the right to vote, and what challenges do you think they might have faced?
3. What are some ways young people can help raise awareness about the importance of voting, even if they aren't old enough to vote yet?



1. Who were the first Black women to compete in the Olympics for Team USA?
2. How have Black women in gymnastics, like Simone Biles, contributed to the sport beyond just competing, and why is that significant?
3. What challenges do you think Black gymnasts might face in the sport, and how do you think they overcome those challenges?