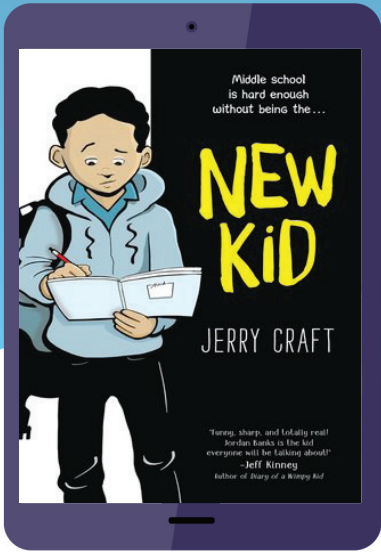


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Student Reading Assessment



New Kid, by Jerry Craft

- 1 Find as many examples of racism, prejudice, and/or stereotyping as you can. Are all of them obvious? Are all of them intended to be hurtful? What is the novel trying to say about these topics?
- 2 The concept of “code-switching” is when one adjusts their language or behaviors depending on their social surroundings. Where does Jordan “code-switch” in this novel? Have you ever code-switched? Explain.
- 3 Many of the characters of the novel have insecurities they are afraid to share with others because they will be judged. Give examples of these insecurities. Are all the insecurities major problems or flaws? What does this say about others and how we should treat them?
- 4 Explain the pun of “new kid” when Jordan’s mom and dad pick him up.
- 5 How did Drew challenge the teacher? Was he wrong for doing so?
- 6 What metaphor does Gran’pa use to explain friendship/life?
- 7 Explain the metaphor of “playing the game.” How do minorities fit into the game according to Jordan’s dad?
- 8 What was wrong with Andy saying Ramon’s mom’s tacos are probably better than the school’s?