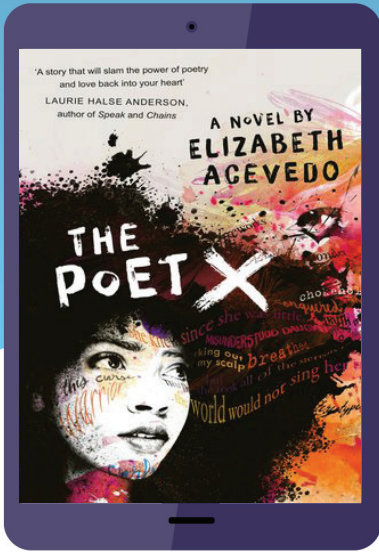


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Student Reading Assessment



The Poet X, by Elizabeth Acevedo

- 1 Describe the main character and her surroundings. How does she fit in? How does she not?
- 2 Describe the transformation of Xiomara's relationship with her mother throughout the novel.
- 3 How is *The Poet X* a "Coming of Age" story? How do themes of religion and relationships play a part in *The Poet X* having a positive resolution?
- 4 Should children be free to choose their own religion or lack thereof?
- 5 Why did Xiomara's drafts differ from what she actually turned in for assignments? What did these reveal about her character?
- 6 While most poems have a standard structure, some of the poems have non-traditional spacing and layout. What effect did this have on the meaning of the poems and the plot in general?
- 7 What is the theme of *The Poet X*? Provide examples from Parts 1, 2 and 3.
- 8 Xiomara states that her name is both a blessing and a curse because it means "warrior." In what ways does she embody her name throughout the novel?