

ENGLISH 9: Introduction to Literary Genres

Your assignment is to read *Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo. With this text, we'll begin our year-long discussion of our class theme: identity.

Assignment Information:

After discussing the book- the ideas it explores and the questions it raises- we will have a **quiz within the first two weeks of class**. The quiz will involve short written responses about the main characters. More specifically, it will explore how the character of Xiomara impacts other characters within the book. In order to effectively prepare for this assessment, you should take notes on the text as you read. These can be typed on a Google Doc or handwritten on paper. Here are some things you might consider jotting down:

- A character list:
 - Include a brief description of each character
 - Keywords/details/moments that develop a character (What do we learn about them through their physical appearance, words, actions, or inner thoughts?)
 - An important shift or moment of growth for a character
- Major plot points for each chapter:
 - Keywords/ details/moments that develop a relationship
 - Keywords/details/moments that develop a conflict/tension in the story
 - Connections you see to our larger theme for the year: Identity
- Points of confusion/ further consideration:
 - Thoughtful questions!
 - Unfamiliar words and their definitions

Your notes will be collected on the first day of class.

TO RECAP: You will be assessed in two ways on your Summer Reading:

1. Samples of your notes and annotations will be checked on the first day of class
2. A quiz on *Poet X* within the first two weeks of class

If you have any questions about this assignment, please email Ms. Marcy (lmarcy@stuartschool.org).