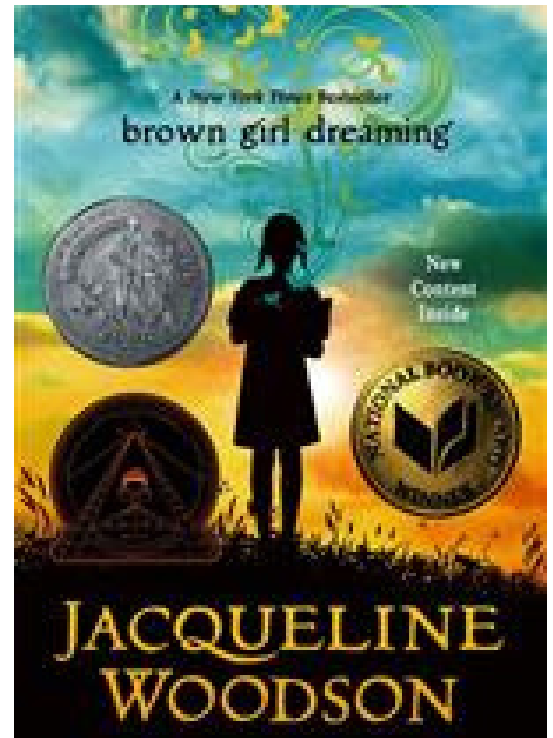




BROWN GIRL DREAMING

JACQUELINE WOODSON

Jacqueline Woodson's award-winning, beautifully written memoir of her own life, from birth through her childhood, showing what life is like for so many people in our country. She describes growing up as a black child in America and what life is like. The awards are well-deserved as the portrait she paints in poetry is both beautiful and honest in a raw, emotional way. This book may be long, but it's worth the read.



Questions:

READ THE BOOK IN CHUNKS. IT'S A LONG BOOK TO READ ALL AT ONCE.

Have students talk about each poem as it is read. Ask the following questions (if relevant) for each one.

1. How do you think the author felt?
2. How do you think the other people felt?
3. How would you feel in that situation?
4. Has anything similar ever happened to you or someone you know?
5. Why do you think that happened? Is it good or bad? Is that fair? Is it okay?