

Due Date:
May 13

Grade 8 Book Report

Bronx Masquerade

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1. Quote three favorite lines of poetry from the book, and explain why they are your favorites. (Be sure to write down page numbers, title of poem, and author.)
2. In a short paragraph discuss why Open Mike gets so many students to reveal their dreams and fears more than a typical class. Discuss whether it would work at OLOL or not.
3. In a short paragraph predict what happens ~~next~~ year in Mr. Ward's English class.
4. Pretend you are writing a feature article about Mr. Ward's Open Mike Friday. Write five questions you might ask to one of his students.
5. Write a one-paragraph book review for *Bronx Masquerade*. Try to distill the premise of the book into a few short sentences. Check out sample reviews.
6. Examine the types of poems in the book: free verse, rhymes, and concrete. In a short paragraph explain why the author chose a variety of formats, and which one you find most compelling and why.
7. In a short paragraph compare and contrast the problems of the teenagers in Mr. Ward's class with those you think are in your current class. How are they alike? How are they different?
8. If you were Mr. Ward would all students get an "A" for their Open Mike Friday performances? In a short paragraph tell why or why not.