

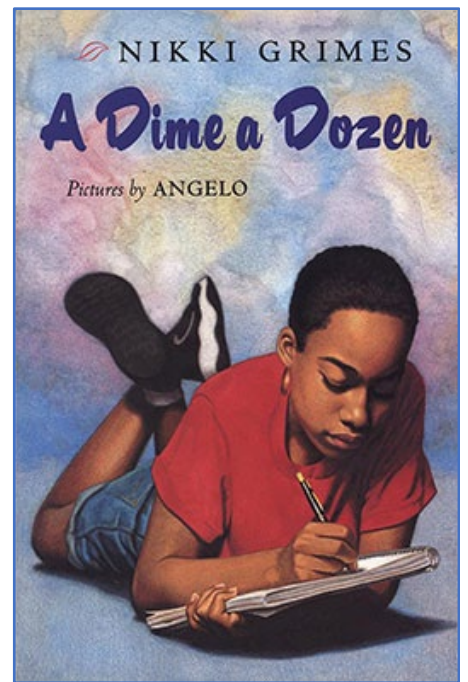
Comprehension Guide / Quiz Questions

A Dime a Dozen

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Pre-Reading

Facilitate a discussion on dreams and ambitions. Some questions you might consider: How do people encourage you? How can people discourage you? What qualities in a person make the difference whether dreams are pursued or not? What are your dreams?

Knowledge

1. What is the main character's dream?
2. Identify the challenges the main character faces in making the dream come true.

Comprehension

1. Describe the main character's relationship with her mom, dad, and sister.
2. Re-tell the key events in the book.

Application

1. What can you learn from the author and main character's story?
2. Give examples from the text that prove the main character's determination.

Analyze

1. How would this book be different if it were written through the eyes of the sister?
2. What does the author mean when she says in the poem, "Stroll," "I'm heading places / that aren't marked / on my mother's / map."

Synthesis

1. How is your life similar to the main characters? How is it different?
2. How does the poem "The Last Word" represent more than just a conversation?

Evaluation

1. Which poem is the most inspiring to you? Why?
2. Which illustration do you think best captures the emotion of the poem? Why?