

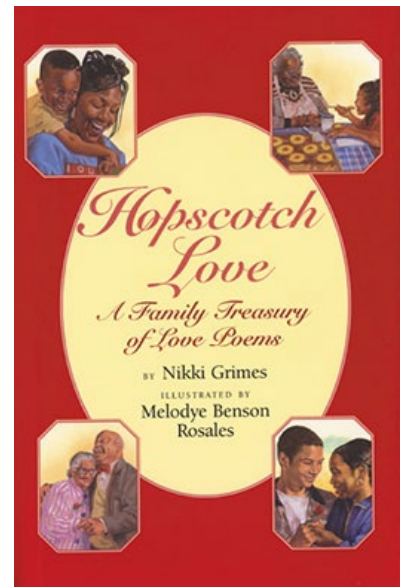
## Comprehension Guide for

### *Hopscotch Love: A Family Treasury of Love Poems*

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### Pre-Reading

Take a notebook piece of paper and fold it into at least six squares. In each section write the name of someone you love. Then, make a list of how they show you that you are cared for, and then on the back write about how you show them.

### Knowledge

1. Which poem is about an old photograph?
2. Who was Medgar Evers?

### Comprehension

1. List the different types of love that are explored in *Hopscotch Love*.
2. Give examples of how affection is shown throughout the book, instead of just words.

### Application

1. Create a card for someone and deliver it as a random act of kindness for someone you don't usually take the time to thank.
2. Write a poem about a relationship you admire

### Analyze

1. Can you say who cares the most in the book *Hopscotch Love*? Can you really evaluate how much people love each other? Why or why not?
2. Compare, "Why I Hate Jamel" and "The Gift." Predict what will happen next in each relationship.

### Evaluation

1. Which poem is your favorite? Why?
2. Which illustration do you think best captures the feelings expressed in the poem? Why?