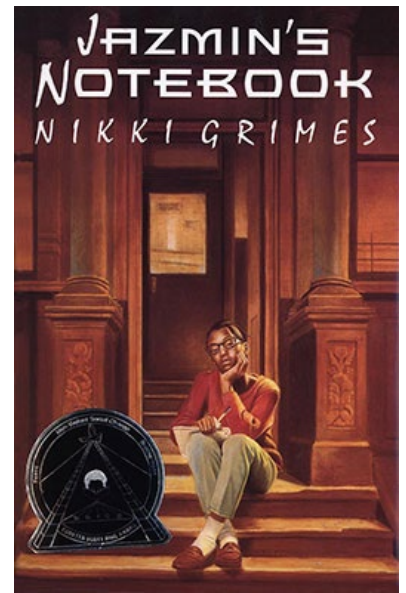


## Comprehension Guide for

### *Jazmin's Notebook*

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### Knowledge

1. List at least five characters from *Jazmin's Notebook* and explain their relationship to her.
2. Describe Jazmin in your own words.

### Comprehension

1. Explain how Jazmin came to live with her sister.
2. Describe what happened at the poker game.

### Application

1. Select three short excerpts from *Jazmin's Notebook* that you think best describe her as a person.
2. List details that let you know the story takes place in the 1960's.
3. Then, explain how things are the same and different from that time until now.

### Analyze

1. Define the following poetic terms: personification, simile, metaphor, alliteration, assonance.
2. Choose two of Jazmin's poems to analyze. Find examples of at least three of the poetic elements listed above.

### Synthesis

1. How would you have handled the situation at Carlton's apartment? What did you learn from Jazmin's experience?
2. Pretend Jazmin is your pen pal. Write her a letter that takes place after your favorite section of the book.

### Evaluation

1. Which poem is your favorite? Why?
2. Which scene do you think best reveals Jazmin's true character? Why?