

Fusco's MP5 April ROCRead National Poetry Month: *Bronx Masquerade*

Name: _____ Period: _____

Title of book: Bronx Masquerade

Author & Poet: Nikki Grimes

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

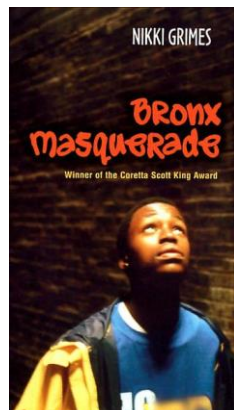
In honor of April being National Poetry Month, you will independently read *Bronx Masquerade* by Nikki Grimes for the April ROCRead program. She does not consider herself a bona fide storyteller, but, as she told an audience at the Library of Congress, she is happy to own the title Poet. Born and raised in New York City, Nikki began composing verse at the age of six and has been writing ever since that time. Her distinguished works include ALA Notable book *What is Goodbye?*, Coretta Scott King Award winner *Bronx Masquerade*, and Coretta Scott King Author Honor books *Jazmin's Notebook*, *Talkin' About Bessie*, *Dark Sons*, *The Road to Paris*, etc.



www.nikkigrimes.com

TASK FOR STUDENTS:

1. We will pick up the book at the SOTA library on: **TUESDAY, 3/25**
2. Get **parent/guardian signature** below. HW grade due: **WEDNESDAY, 3/26**
3. Stay on track with the reading by following the attached reading schedule.
4. As you read, independently work on related **homework** (4 Questions & Active Reading Chart)
5. Upcoming: There will be a required **ROCRead major assignment** (30%)
6. Enjoy the book! The poetry will hopefully make the characters come alive.



Participate in December, February, and April RocReads and you'll be entered in a drawing to win a NOOK and other great prizes!

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____
(Please sign that you are aware of this major Marking Period 5 English requirement)

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READING SCHEDULE DIRECTIONS: As you read the book, Bronx Masquerade by Nikki Grimes, follow the reading schedule below. Next to the due date, check off each box as you read each part of the book. Fill out the "Active Reading Chart" as you read (Due dates included in the attached chart). There may be quizzes based on the reading! Answer the: "4 Before Reading Questions" below in 2-3 sentences each in your binder. Check the class website for any updates: www.rcsdk12.org/fusco.

4 BEFORE READING QUESTIONS:

1. *What do you notice about how this text is laid out?*
2. *Where is the "Bronx"? Have you ever been?*
3. *Look up & define the term, "masquerade". How might it fit in with the book?*
4. *Examine the cover. Note some of your observations.*

- Due FRIDAY, 3/28:** Read pages 3-28 (Be sure the 4 questions are answered, too.)
- Due MONDAY, 3/31:** Read pages 29-56
- Due FRIDAY, 4/4:** Read pages 57-81
- Due MONDAY, 4/7:** Read pages 82-107
- Due FRIDAY, 4/11:** Read pages 108-132
- Due MONDAY, 4/21:** Read pages 133 - 167



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ACTIVE READING CHART DIRECTIONS: Describe each character and the conflict he/she face. Quote a line from their poem w/page # that best represents the character. Then, analyze it!

| | Description | Conflict | Line from Poem | Analysis |
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| Wesley "Bad Boy" Boone Due: Fri, 3/28 | | | | |
| Tyrone Bittings Due: Fri, 3/28 | | | | |
| Chankara Troupe Due: Fri, 3/28 | | | | |
| Raul Ramirez Due: Fri, 3/28 | | | | |

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| Diandra Jordan Due: Fri, 3/28 | | | | |
| Devon Hope Due: Mon, 3/31 | | | | |
| Lupe Algarin Due: Mon, 3/31 | | | | |
| Gloria Martinez Due: Mon, 3/31 | | | | |
| Janelle Battle Due: Mon, 3/31 | | | | |

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| Leslie Lucas Due: Mon, 3/31 | | | | |
| Judianne Alexander Due: Fri, 4/4 | | | | |
| Tanisha Scott Due: Fri, 4/4 | | | | |
| Sterling S. Hughes Due: Mon, 4/7 | | | | |
| Amy Moscowitz Due: Mon, 4/7 | | | | |

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| Shelia Gamberoni - Natalina Due: Fri, 4/11 | | | | |
| Steve Ericson Due: Fri, 4/11 | | | | |
| Raynard Patterson Due: Fri, 4/11 | | | | |
| Porscha Johnson Due: Mon, 4/21 | | | | |



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