



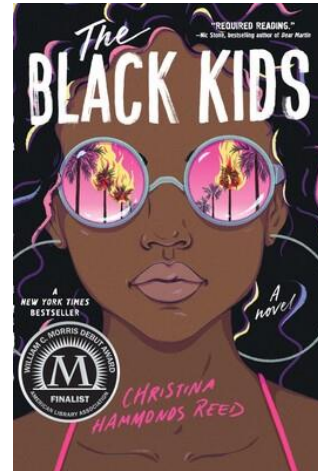
The Black Kids

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Questions and Activities

1. What causes Ashley to take a look at her heritage and who she is? How might you learn more about your family's history? Are there places that tell your family's story?
2. Research Rodney King and the 1992 Riots in Los Angeles. How do you think these events impacted the city of Los Angeles and the buildings located there?
3. Think about Ashley, LaShawn, and the other students in the story. How and why do places represent different things for different people? Describe a place that is important for you and how can you teach others about it.
4. Why is it important to learn about places that have challenging histories? What places in your neighborhood or city have a challenging history?
5. What makes Black Kids a story about the city of Los Angeles? How are the issues presented in the story relevant today? Fifty years from now, what places might embody some of current events taking place today?



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