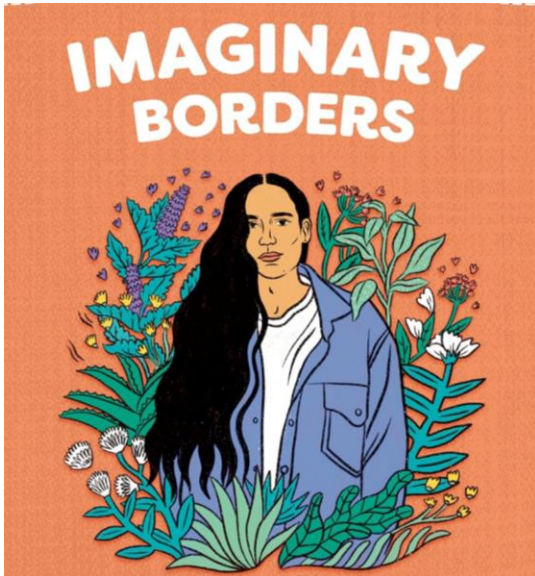


Discussion Guide for Families



Imaginary Borders

Author: Xiuhtezcatl Martinez

Illustrator: Ashley Lukashevsky

Themes: Environment and Sustainability

Book Brief: Xiuhtezcatl Martinez, an environmental activist and hip-hop artist, uses his music and activism to show that climate change is a human issue we must address. In this inspiring book, he encourages readers to channel their emotions into action and reminds us that everyone has a role in creating a better future.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Discuss the words "imaginary" and "borders." What do you think it means when these two words are put together?

While Reading: Make Connections

- Martinez says people should work on solutions instead of waiting for world leaders. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
- How does Martinez use music and hip-hop to share his message and inspire others?
- What does the author mean when he says "art changes hearts" and how does that connect to climate activism?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Martinez writes, "as our ability to communicate has gotten easier, the lines that have separated us are fading." Do you agree with this? Why or why not? Share examples to support your answer.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

- Encourage them to talk about it during other conversations.
- Check out RIF's [Sustainable Futures](#) center to learn more about sustainability with related books and resources.