

# The Barrio Kings

By William Kowalski

## Discuss

**Talk through your thoughts.**

- Read the back cover of the book. Talk about a time when you've struggled to keep a promise. What was the promise? Why were you being pulled to break it? What happened and would you go back and do things differently?
- Because of his brother's death, Rosario decides to leave the Barrio Kings. Why does it often take a serious event to make a change?

## Create

**Make an experience of your own.**

- This book will be made into a movie. You are the casting director for the main characters. Create audition materials, including lines and scenes to perform. Make a rubric for how you will evaluate the auditions. Design character sketches (physical, personality, etc..) for each of the main characters.
- Rosario has dreams and the vision of how to accomplish goals. Make your own vision board. Fill it with words and images. Where will you put it? How will you monitor your progress towards your dreams?

## Imagine

**Use your imagination to explore.**

- Imagine what Emilio's future holds. Write a story about Rosario, Connie, and Emilio. *The Barrio Kings* themes included loyalty and friendship. Think about what themes to explore in your short story.

## Explore

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