

# Caucasia

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## Discuss

### Talk through your thoughts.

- Talk about how we form and shape our identities. Think about Birdie and Cole and how their identities were defined during the 1970's and 1980's.
- Journal or talk about your earliest experience dealing with race and/or racism. How do you define racial identity?

## Create

### Make an experience of your own.

- This book has won several awards including the Alex Award. Find other Alex Award winning titles and read them. Which books would you recommend? Create your own book award, include the name of the award and the award criteria. Form a book award committee and read, read, read!
- Create an identity project using any medium (graphic software, magazines, drawings, sculpture)! Make a self-portrait of objects, symbols and/or imagery that represent key elements of your identity. Include a written analysis that explains the objects in your portrait.

## Imagine

### Use your imagination to explore.

- Explore the title of the book. What is the meaning of "Caucasia?"
- The story ends at the end of one phase of Birdie's life and as she begins another. Draft the next chapter in Birdie's life. What lingering questions would you ask the author? How could the story have ended differently?

## Explore

### Like this book? Find more:

- *Dear Martin* by Nic Stone
- *Does My Head Look Big in This?* by Randa Abdel-Fattah
- *Beloved* by Toni Morrison
- *Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas

