

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Access *The Hate U Give* **Topic Page** from your assigned Gale resource. Use the **Topic Page** before, during, and after reading the novel to help answer the questions below.

BEFORE READING:

Use *Gale In Context* to answer the following:

1. Discuss the significance of Angie Thomas being an own-voices author. How does her lived experience as a black woman contribute to the authenticity and power of her storytelling? In what ways does it shape the perspectives and voices represented in her works?

2. How has Angie Thomas's work contributed to discussions about racial justice and the experiences of marginalized communities? How do you think she navigates the responsibility of accurately representing marginalized communities while also telling a compelling and engaging story?

From Your Own Knowledge and Experiences:

1. Have you ever read a book or watched a movie that addresses social justice issues or explores themes of racial inequality? If so, what impact did it have on you? If not, what are your expectations or assumptions about such stories?

2. What do you know about the Black Lives Matter movement? Have you participated in any discussions or activities related to this movement? How do you think literature can contribute to conversations about racial justice?

3. How do you think young people can contribute to social change and have their voices heard? Can you think of any examples from real life or other stories where young individuals played a significant role in advocating for justice?

4. What are some stereotypes or misconceptions you have encountered regarding marginalized communities? How do you think these stereotypes can impact individuals' experiences and shape societal attitudes?

5. How can stories help foster empathy, understanding, and dialogue? What role do you think *The Hate U Give* might play in promoting awareness and sparking conversations about racial injustice?

6. What do you know about the concept of code-switching? How do you think it impacts individuals' identities and experiences? Can you think of any personal experiences or examples from other stories that highlight the challenges of code-switching?

7. Are there any social or cultural issues that you hope this book will address? Why are those topics important to you?

8. What are some questions or curiosities you have about the experiences of marginalized communities, police violence, or the impact of activism on individuals' lives?

DURING READING:

As you read *The Hate U Give*, take notes on the developments of the characters in the novel, how do you meet each character, how does your understanding of them change as they go through the book, why does it change. Make sure to be specific with examples (include page numbers).

| CHARACTERS | |
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| Starr Carter | |
| Khalil Harris | |
| Maverick “Big Mav” Carter | |
| Lisa Carter | |
| Seven Carter | |
| Hailey Grant | |
| Chris | |

DURING READING:

The following are the themes depicted in *The Hate U Give*. As you read, take notes (including page numbers) of how you see these themes portrayed in the book.

| THEMES | |
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| Racism & Racial Injustice | |
| Voice & Activism | |
| Code-Switching & Cultural Identity | |
| Media Influence & Stereotyping | |

AFTER READING:

1. How does Starr evolve as a character, and what factors contribute to her growth and transformation? In what ways does she find her voice and become an agent of change?

2. How do Starr's relationships with her family and her community shape her experiences and influence her decisions? How do these relationships provide support and strength in the face of adversity?

3. How does the author shed light on the systemic biases and prejudices that perpetuate inequality? What impact do these injustices have on the characters, and how do they respond to them?

4. How does Starr navigate her identity as an African American girl living in two different worlds? How does she reconcile the pressure to code-switch with the need to stay true to herself?

5. Discuss the significance of the book's title, *The Hate U Give*, and its connection to the novel's themes. How does the concept of "THUG LIFE" introduced in the story relate to the larger issues of systemic racism and social justice?

6. How does *The Hate U Give* contribute to discussions about racial justice, police brutality, and the experiences of marginalized communities? What insights or perspectives does it offer that can broaden our understanding of these topics?

7. Reflect on your own reactions and emotions while reading the book. How did the story and its themes resonate with you personally? What questions or insights did it raise for you about racial inequality and social justice?
