**Students:**

- read the book
- journal
- write good questions
- pick the best questions
- interview the author
- write thank you notes

**Questions to ask an author:**

- Why were you inspired to write about this theme?
- How do you come up with your ideas for writing your story?
- Are you planning to write any new books in the future?
- How old were you when you began to write stories?
- Have you ever noticed any similarities between you and other authors?
- Of the books that you have written, which is your favorite?
- What do you do on your spare time when you’re not writing?
- How long does it take you to write a book?
- Can you describe your writing process on how to create a book (novel)?
- What do you like reading on your spare time?
- Do you ever write under a different name?
- What are the benefits of being a published writer?
- Who was your favorite author when you were young?
- How important is it for writers to raise social, racial, and political issues in youth literature?
- What advice can you suggest to students who do not like reading novels?