Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia Book Club

- 1. What do you think of the 1st person narration alternating with 3rd person?
- 2. How do you feel about Rick Riordan's introduction?
- 3. Is the map helpful?
- 4. What do you think about Tristan losing his first boxing match as the starting point of the story?
- 5. How does leaving Chicago and going to his grandparents' farm in Alabama shape the story?
- 6. Tristan's grandfather thinks work fixes everything, do you agree?
- 7. Do you think Tristan should have chased Gum Baby?
- 8. What do you think of the world Tristan finds himself trapped in?
- 9. Who is your favorite character and why?
- 10. Who is your least favorite character and why?
- 11. How much of the folklore in the book did you know about before?
- 12. What do you think of the adult circle blaming Tristan?
- 13. How do you feel about the role of dreams in this book?
- 14. Does it seem like a lot for gods to expect a 7th grader to be a hero?
- 15. What do you think of the various settings of the book?
- 16. Which setting is your favorite and why?
- 17. What do you think of the idea of stories becoming reality if enough people believe in them?
- 18. Does Tristan have any reason to feel guilty for Eddie's death?
- 19. What do you think of the Story Box?
- 20. How do you punish a god?
- 21. What did you think of the ending?
- 22. Did you like the book?
- 23. Would you read more in the series?