

Krik? Krak!

By Edwidge Danticat

Discuss

Talk through your thoughts.

- Before reading, what do you know about Haiti and its people? What has influenced your views?
- The invitation to hear a story, *KRIK*, and the response, *KRAK*, indicating the listener is ready, inspire the title of Danticat's book showcasing the importance of storytelling in Haitian culture. How is storytelling important in your family? Talk about it with them and share stories.

Create

Make an experience of your own.

- Haiti's revolution for freedom was only the beginning of the country's rocky political history. Look into the history of the country. Pick a person or event you find interesting and create a presentation on the topic in the form of your choosing.
- Cooking is seen as a way of expressing identity for several women in these stories. Research Haitian cuisine and try making a traditional Haitian dish!

Imagine

Use your imagination to explore.

- In these short stories, Danticat experiments with different forms and structures. Think of a story you want to tell and find a way to structure it other than a simple retelling.
- These stories show situations and experiences we in the United States are often less familiar with. Imagine you are a writer from another country (it doesn't have to be Haiti) and you are giving a voice to your people. Write the story. Research the country and its culture to keep the voice authentic.

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