

English Summer Assignment 2019

Gramercy is celebrating reading in 2019-2020 year by kicking off the year with a common book: *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo.

Options to obtain a copy of the book:

Library:

Borrow *The Poet X* from your local library.

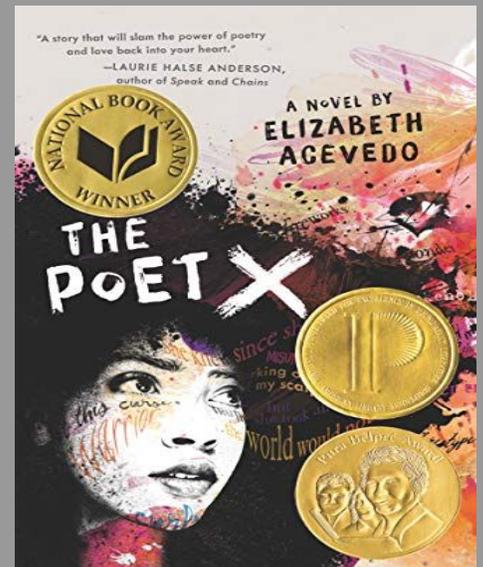
If you already have a NYC, Brooklyn, or Queens Public Library card, you can check the book out now. If you need to apply for a library card or renew your card, please do it online or in person.

Purchase:

Purchase *The Poet X* on Amazon or Barnes & Noble or at your local bookstore. The cost will be between **\$8.00-\$15.00** depending where you purchase it and if you purchase soft or hardcover. *If you buy it, you can keep it and write in it!*

School Copy:

We have a **limited number of copies for students to borrow** over the summer. They will be available on a **first come, first serve** basis on June 26th at 9:00 am after you pick up your report card. *Pick up a copy to borrow from the Main Office.*



The Poet X
by Elizabeth Acevedo



"I am unhide-able.
Taller than even my father, with what Mami has always said was "a little too much body for such a young girl."
I am the baby fat that settled into D-cups and swinging hips so that the boys who called me a whale in middle school now ask me to send them pictures of myself in a thong.
The other girls call me conceited. Ho. Thot. Fast.
When your body takes up more room than your voice you are always the target of well-aimed rumors, which is why I let my knuckles talk for me.
Which is why I learned to shrug when my name was replaced by insults.
I've forced my skin just as thick as I am."

Your Task

1. Watch the following **Youtube video** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YH4gIM6TZkQ>
You might simply **Google Elizabeth Acevedo Introduces ‘The Poet X’** | Live Performance

2. **Read *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo** over the summer.

After reading *The Poet X*, complete the following task:

3. Write a **one page free-verse poem that responds to the following prompt**: Reflect on a time when you **questioned or challenged a belief** or idea. What **prompted your thinking**? What was the **outcome**? How does your **experience** relate or contrast with Xiomara’s experience in *The Poet X*?

4. **Submit your poem to your English teacher on the first day of school: Thursday, September 5, 2019.**

Happy Reading!

*Like this novel-in-verse?
Check out Acevedo’s latest book:*

