

Memoir: *Brown Girl Dreaming* Feb 12

Authorial Choices as Questions

1. **Author's Purpose:** How does the author connect her personal story with history? Why do you think she chose to tell it this way?
2. **Word Choice:** Which 3-5 words or phrases help you picture the scenes clearly?
3. **Tone:** How is the tone reflective and thoughtful?
4. **Manipulating Time:** How does the author weave history with the present-day story of her birth?
5. **Flashbacks:** Which historical events are mentioned? Why are they important to the story?
6. **Repetition:** Which ideas or phrases are repeated? What effect does the repetition have?
7. **Transition Words:** Which words or phrases help the story move smoothly between ideas or events?
8. **Atmosphere:** What feelings or emotions does this part of the story create? How does the author make you feel that way?