

RED QUEEN

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Synopsis

Mare Barrow's world is brutally divided by blood: red and silver. Mare, at 17, is born a Red, a race oppressed by the Silvers and shackled by poverty and forced conscription. Mare steals to supplement her family's meager supplies and is terrified when she learns her best friend is being sent to fight in the senseless war which has been waged for the better part of one hundred years. In spite of high unemployment, she is sent to the royal palace to serve the king. It is not long before her power surfaces and she is thrust into the role of a silver princess. With a rebellion swirling around her, she does not know who to trust and who will betray.

Hooks

- What do you think the future world will look like?
- Do you think the world is divided by race like the Silvers and the Reds?
- Is there anywhere in the world which is as polluted as in parts of Red Queen
- Do you have undiscovered talents?

About the Author

Victoria Aveyard was born and grew up in East Longmeadow, Massachusetts, a small town claimed to possess the worst traffic rotary in the continental United States. She moved to Los Angeles, and earned a BFA in screenwriting at the University of Southern California. Currently she alternates her time between the East and West coasts. As both an author and screenwriter, she claims to use her career as an excuse to read too many books and watch too many movies. She splits her time between her hometown East Longmeadow, Massachusetts and Los Angeles. She graduated with a BFA in Screenwriting from the University of Southern California, *Red Queen* is her first novel, written the terrifying, unemployed year after college.

Related Links

Victoria Aveyard's official website, www.victoriaaveyard.com
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Connections

Other books like Red Queen

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Activities

To look powerful is to be powerful-do you agree or disagree with that statement?

Mare claims 'If' is the worst word in the world. What do you think is the worst word in the world, and why?

How much does our environment and other expectations shape our view of ourselves?

How many blood types are there in our world, and what are the differences between them?

Do you think there is any connection to Mare and the Red Queen in *Through the Looking Glass* by Lewis Carroll?

The Red Queen can move anywhere effortlessly; is Mare a pawn in the game who is eventually to be crowned? Does the story remind you of a game of chess?

Have you ever been betrayed? How did that change you?

Do Black Markets exist in the world today? If so, how do they affect the economy?

Singers can make people do as they wish- are there any parallels in history

What would you do for a cause you believe in?

How are terrorism and revolution important in history?

How would you alleviate poverty?

Mare stated, "Everything has a price". Do you agree?

Art activity

Design something you think Gia would make

Collage

Queen Elara claimed, "If you know someone's fear, you know them." Make a collage of common fears/

Media

Does the Media influence society? Give examples of news articles and social media which have influenced public opinion.