

**Reading Comprehension Questions:**

- 1- What relations do Maryse's parents have with their neighbors, the Driscolls?
- 2- How does Maryse explain the distance that separates her parents from their neighbors?
- 3- What can you conclude about the Guadeloupean community from this atmosphere between adults? Is Guadeloupe a multicultural or a racist community? (Explain)
- 4- Are the children affected by the atmosphere between adults?
- 5- What feelings for Gilbert does Maryse reveal before she receives the letter?
- 6- Why does Gilbert think Maryse has blue eyes?
- 7- What consequences does the copied flattery have on Maryse?
- 8- Why do they plagiarize sentences?
- 9- Where do the texts they plagiarize come from?
- 10- Could it be that the texts have replaced their ability to imagine? (Explain)

**Discussion topics:**

- 1- What does this childhood memory tell us about the power of influence of books? Does reading kill the imagination or help develop it?
  
- 2- In the French Caribbean, French books monopolize the market, whether in bookstores, libraries or schools. Caribbean authors must write in French to be able to publish in Paris. Do you think this domination of French books is harmful for the development of Caribbean children's imagination at school?