

## Discussion Guide for *Broken Shards of Time* by Nyah Nichol

Wren Derecho is the lone survivor of a mysterious accident that took the lives of her parents. As Wren tries to navigate through the pain of grief and loss, she crosses paths with three other individuals and soon realizes that something beyond coincidence has intertwined their lives together. Each of their journeys are marked by immense tragedy, fate, a time machine, and a mysterious power source that seems to be alive . . . and not from this world.

From the perspective of these four characters, you'll find the heartbeat of the story lies within the growth of love, trust and friendship developed from adventure, adversity and a common mission: to rescue their friend and save their city from an unseen yet familiar force. Wren and her team quickly discover that the hero of any story can easily become the villain. Risks must be taken, sacrifices must be made, lives must be given as the team races against time itself.

### **Broken Shards of Time**

**AUTHOR:** Nyah Nichol

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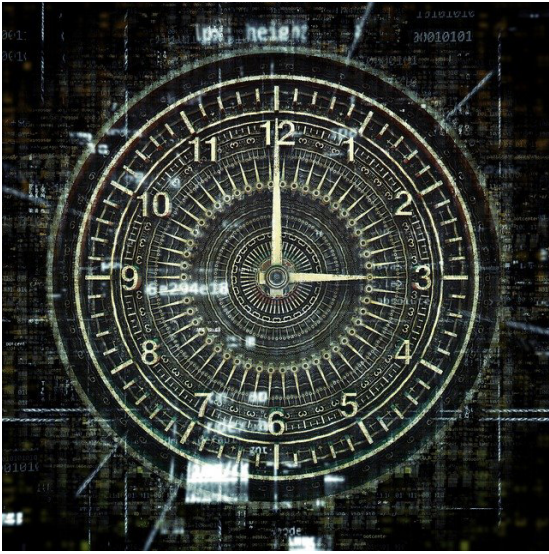
**TYPE OF ACTIVITY:** Individual work and class discussion

**LEVEL:** Grade 9 and up

**SUBJECT:** English

**CATEGORY:** Young Adult Fiction; Science Fiction; Time Travel; Thriller & Suspense; Friendship; Dystopian

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### Start the activity with a quick discussion:

1. What are your thoughts on the design of the cover?
2. What do you like or dislike about it? Explain in detail.
3. What do you like about the colour scheme?

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### Talk about the students' thoughts on Broken Shards of Time:

1. Who is your favourite character? Explain why that is.
2. What are your thoughts on the multiple point of views (POVs). Which one speaks to you the most?
3. Which character do you relate to? Why is that?
4. Do you think time travel is wise? Why or why not?
5. If you could warn a character of his or her future, which character would that be and what would you say?



Name:

Date:

**What are the strengths and weaknesses of each of the four main characters? List them below.**

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**What do you think of the title? What other title would you choose?**

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**If you were in the same position as Wren was in, how would you change your future for the better?**

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**What was your favourite quote/passage? Explain why that is.**



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**Who would you cast as the four main characters if the book was made into a movie?**

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**How did you feel about the ending? Do you wish anything was different? How would you change it?**

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