

CHOICE BOARD

"TRUTH"

Imagine that you have been hired to create an illustration to be printed with "Truth" in *Scope*. Create the illustration using whatever medium you like (such as pencil, ink, colored pencils, paint, pastels, or collage), or create the illustration on a computer.

Find a song or a piece of music that gives you a similar feeling to "Truth." Make an audio recording or video of yourself explaining what music you chose and why, or write up that information in a short essay.

Choose a different poem and create an illustration to go with it. Create the illustration using whatever medium you like (such as pencil, ink, colored pencils, paint, pastels, or collage), or create the illustration on a computer.

Choose a line from a poem or work of fiction that you love, and incorporate it into your own poem, using Nikki Grimes's "Truth" as a model.

Note: This is the contest prompt that appears at the end of the poem.

In "Truth," Nikki Grimes uses a simile that compares each new day to a clap of thunder. Think of your own simile that compares an experience in life to something in nature. Use your simile to write a poem or the lyrics to a song.

Imagine that you are the host of a podcast called *Author Talk* and Nikki Grimes is going to be a guest on your podcast. Write a list of at least six questions you would ask her.