Writing Activity 2: **Sweet Fifteen**

"In the Mexican community, when a girl turns fifteen, it is a cause for a big celebration, one that is often planned years in advance. Isabel's sister's Quinceañera celebration was planned for this coming spring. Relatives and friends would be coming from all over."
~*Out of Bounds* p. 26

Do a Quinceañera investigation. How is this special birthday celebrated, and in what parts of the world? What other coming-of-age customs do other cultures have that are similar? How do these cultural traditions differ? Have you ever been to a coming-of-age celebration? What was it like? What is the significance of the different parts of the ceremony? If you could invent your own coming-of-age holiday, what age would you pick and why? How would you like to celebrate?

Celebrate Good Times! Happy 15th!

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