



## CLASSROOM QUESTIONS – JANUARY 2022

### Reading Comprehension

1. Teen author Olivia Amiri learned that she's most productive when she works under pressure to complete an assignment. Ask students if they've figured out their own style of studying and work habits and to write a paragraph giving details about it.
2. In *The Adventures of Bentley Hippo*, the characters learn that it's okay to be different. Discuss this lesson with students, giving them several reasons why this is important. Then ask them to write three things about themselves that make them special and different from others.
3. The book *A History of Music for Children* teaches readers about different instruments, rhythm, singing, and writing lyrics. Ask kids to write about their favorite style of music, what they like about that style, and if they play an instrument or would like to play one.
4. One of author Freshta Tori Jan's goals with her books in the *I, Witness* series is she wants readers to know that they can be leaders and have powerful voices for making change. Ask students if they have an interest in being a leader some day, and to write about something that they think needs to change in their school or community.
5. Children's author Emme Grange wants all her readers to accept themselves as they are, especially those who don't quite fit in, and says that we all have something to contribute. See if students can explain in a paragraph what they think Grange is saying and if they agree or disagree with these ideas.

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## True or False

1. *Milo's Museum* is about a Black girl who doesn't see her culture or community reflected in the local museum, so she figures out a way to display all the things that are important to her. (True or False)
  2. In the story *Dragonboy*, a little boy dresses up as a cowboy and plays with his stuffed animals. (True or False)
  3. The movie *Sing 2* is about Buster Moon and his ragtag team of musical misfits. (True or False)
  4. In the book *Snakes Have No Legs!*, we learn that snakes are not able to slither up trees, on land, or in water. (True or False)
  5. *Grizzly 399* tells readers why we need wild animals and that they count on us to adapt to changes. (True or False)
  6. *Walrus Song* is a sweet story that teaches about these ocean creatures: dolphins, whales, and sharks. (True or False)
  7. In *The Legend of the Squinker*, which includes unusual words, readers have to figure out the monster language. (True or False)
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## Fill in the Blank

1. *Peri and Her Plant*, *Woodrow and the Bees*, and *Peppermint Ledmin: The Space Penguin* are all creative books from Strawberry Pencil \_\_\_\_\_.
2. *Maybe...* is a story about three little \_\_\_\_\_ that try to keep themselves out of trouble while Mama is away.
3. The story *I Am A Wolf* is about a \_\_\_\_\_ that thinks she's a wolf because she doesn't have a human family.
4. In *The Hydrax in the Mogogos*, we learn that "injera" is a type of \_\_\_\_\_ eaten in Kenya.
5. Author Brady Smith wrote a book about the adventure of a boy and his hamster on a planet where there are winged \_\_\_\_\_ and half-chicken/half-boy creatures.
6. In *Jazzy and Kettle*, the two friends go on an adventure into the \_\_\_\_\_ that gets them in a difficult situation.
7. *BFF or NRF (Not Really Friends)?* is an interactive guidebook for learning the ins and outs of \_\_\_\_\_.

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## ANSWERS

### True/False:

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. True
6. False
7. True

### Fill in the Blanks:

1. Magic
  2. monkeys
  3. dog
  4. bread
  5. monsters
  6. woods
  7. friendship
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