



## CLASSROOM QUESTIONS – MARCH 2022

### Reading Comprehension

1. *The Polka-dotted Penguin* is a story about inclusion and kindness, with a message that what makes us different makes us special. Discuss these ideas with kids and ask them to write about why they think we should be kind to everyone, and then give details about what makes them unique.
2. Teen author Olivia Amiri asks, “What is the American Dream?” Define and discuss the “American Dream” with students. Ask them to think about their own dreams and goals, and then to write a paragraph telling about them.
3. In the story *Petal the Angry Cow*, Petal has a temper that gets her in lots of trouble. Define “temper” and ask kids what they do if they get mad about something. What are some ways to deal with this emotion to avoid getting in trouble like Petal?
4. *Bake, Make, & Learn to Cook* is a cookbook filled with all kinds of recipes for kids to try. Ask students if they have an interest in cooking. Have them write about a food they’ve made or baked, or something they would like to learn to make.
5. The first three books in the *Character Zchool* series feature Garrett Bear and focus on teaching kids about perseverance. Define and discuss “perseverance” with students and ask them to write about something they were persistent in doing despite its difficulty.

## True or False

1. In *Twin Adventures – Ria and Ryan Meet Tejas and Tamanna*, a story about South Asian children, the twins learn about kindness and understanding. (True or False)
  2. In the story *The Grumbletroll...Wants to be First!*, the Grumbletroll's one goal is to win the big soccer game.
  3. *Bars for Days* was written by Mic Nichols, a producer, solo rapper, and frontman for the band Nickel and Dime Ops. (True or False)
  4. *The Gumazing Gum Girl!* is a graphic novel about Natalie Gooch and her new friend, former bully Gabby Gomez. (True or False)
  5. The book *Danika's Dancing Day* includes dance instructions, pictures to dance along to, and a glossary. (True or False)
  6. Nickelodeon's new animated series, *Big Nate*, is based on the popular comic strip and book series about a girl who draws cartoons. (True or False)
  7. *My Gnome on the Roam* is a collection of toys and accessories that features a customizable gnome, a book about his story, adventure kits, and a mobile app. (True or False)
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## Fill in the Blank

1. In the book *Animal Acres*, the names of the two animals that meet on a farm are Rocky and \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. *Believe in Yourself* was written to commemorate the popular animated kids' TV program about an \_\_\_\_\_ named Arthur.
  3. *American Addy: Freedom for Addy* is about a girl and her mother escaping a Southern plantation during the \_\_\_\_\_ War.
  4. In *Andi's Valentine Tree*, a story about a little girl who loves to \_\_\_\_\_, Andi is friends with a tree and a squirrel.
  5. The two main characters in the story *The Clever Toad: The Race* are Thomas and \_\_\_\_\_.
  6. In the movie *The Wolf and the Lion*, Alma rescues a white wolf and names him \_\_\_\_\_.
  7. The fantasy adventure *Blood Scion* was influenced by the many stories about \_\_\_\_\_ that the author heard as a child.
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Fill in the Blanks: 1. Sammy 2. aardvark 3. Civil 4. dance 5. Tina 6. Dreamer 7. Africa

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

## ANSWERS

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