



CLASSROOM QUESTIONS – APRIL 2022

Reading Comprehension

1. Teen author Olivia Amiri tells us that of the many books she’s read recently, *The Overstory* was her favorite. She says it had a profound affect on her and changed her way of thinking. Ask students to think of a book they’ve read that had a big impact on them and to write a paragraph giving details about it.
2. The lesson in the book *Those Kids from Fawn Creek* is: be kind and don’t put labels on others or on yourself. Define “labels” and discuss this message with students. Ask them to write a few sentences explaining why they think it’s an important one.
3. Children’s book author and illustrator Wednesday Kirwan says there’s always room for creativity and imagination in everything you do. Ask students what they think she means by this and have them write about a specific situation (playing, writing, etc.) when they used their imagination.
4. Teen author Taylor Moxey tells readers: Don’t compare yourself to others, focus on your own gift, and hit the “reset button” when you need to. Ask students to write a few sentences describing what they think she means by these messages.
5. In the story *The Legend of Lop-Eared Larry*, the rabbit learns that his differences can be his strengths. Discuss this idea with students. Ask them to think of and to write about something special about themselves that makes them different from others. Are there ways it might be a strength for them?

True or False

1. *Northbound: A Train Ride Out of Segregation* details what it was like during the Jim Crow era when trains were segregated in the South. (True or False)
2. In *ABCs of Racing*, a book about Formula 1 car racing, we learn that DRS stands for Drag Racing System. (True or False)
3. *The King of Poop* is a story about a small dung beetle working to keep the ecosystem clean. (True or False)
4. The two friends in *Lucy and Dee: The Silk Road* are opposites, with Lucy being prudent and practical, while Dee is bold and daring. (True or False)
5. *We the Dreamers* is a bilingual picture book that highlights the emotions experienced by immigrants. (True or False)
6. In the book *Remember to Dream, Ebere*, a little girl has a wonderful dream about an ocean cruise ship. (True or False)
7. *Big Truck Little Island*, a rhyming tale about a big truck that blocks a narrow road on an island, is based on a true story. (True or False)

Fill in the Blank

1. In the Pixar movie *Turning Red*, the protagonist is a little girl who transforms into a giant red _____.
2. The new *Area 51 Interns* book series has a cast of characters led by a bright girl named _____.
3. In *I Know Your Secret*, middle schoolers Owen, Gemma, _____, and Todd must work together to follow the instructions of an anonymous blackmailer.
4. In the *Nellie's Friends* book series, after moving across the country, the little girl's favorite thing is making new _____.
5. *Mama Tingo* is about a _____ activist from the Dominican Republic who was murdered for standing up for her rights.
6. One reason the author wrote *Alone Like Me* was to learn more about _____ culture and introduce it to others.
7. In *Different Kinds of Fruit*, the protagonist's name is Annabelle and the antagonist's name is _____.

ANSWERS

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

Fill in the Blanks: 1. panda 2. Viv 3. Ally 4. friends 5. farming 6. Chinese 7. Dixon