

CLASSROOM QUESTIONS – SEPTEMBER 2022

Reading Comprehension

1. Teen author Olivia Amiri learned how to speak confidently after she began to love reading and writing. Ask students if they like to read or write (or both). Have them give three ways that they think reading and writing can have a big impact on them.

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- 2. *More than Peach* is a picture book created by young author and entrepreneur Bellen Woodard with a message of inclusivity, empowerment, and the importance of making changes. Discusss these ideas with students. Are they interested in being a leader and making a difference? Ask them to explain their answer in writing.
- 3. The editor of *Fun for Kidz* magazine wants kids to focus on being kind to everyone. She says to: Be a friend to someone who looks like they need one, offer to help another student, assist your teacher and other adults. Ask students to write other ways they can show kindness with words or actions every day.
- 4. Children's book author S.P. O'Farrell says that even if you're not going to be an author, the ability to write is very important for many careers. Discuss this idea with students, then ask them if they agree with it and to write some reasons for their answer.
- 5. In the book *What Are Words, Really*, the message is that words can be sunny or blue, funny or mean. We should pick and use words wisely, because they can affect everything around us. Give students some scenarios, and then ask them to think of some examples of complimenting someone and of expressing confidence in themselves.

True or False

- 1. *The Pigeon Will Ride the Roller Coaster!* is the eighth book in author/illustrator Mo Willems' children's book series. (True or False)
- 2. In *Captain Cake: General Rock's Secret*, the Candy Crew arrives in Lollipopland looking for the treasure. (True or False)
- 3. In *Why Am I So Quiet*, little Ava is always thinking, always observing, and always being asked why she is so quiet. (True or False)
- 4. In *Traveling Rose*, the stuffed bunny is taking her first big trip to the city of Paris with her friend Iris. (True or False)
- 5. The important underlying message throughout The Way of the River is about helping animals. (True or False)
- 6. In the fantasy book *H'llgraith*, a species of animals is able to transform into human beings. (True or False)
- 7. In *Turkey Goes to School*, the first week of school is all about the farm, but critters are not allowed. (True or False)

Fill in the Blank

- 1. *Simone LaFray and the Chocolatiers' Ball* is set in _____, where Simone tries to keep her family's business afloat.
- 2. In *Riley Does BIG Things!*, Riley has to figure out what to do about a ______ at school.
- 3. The main character in the story Sneaks sees his teacher's _____ crawling across the hallway.
- 4. In *Poo-Dunit?*, ________ tries to solve the mystery of a giant pile of poo that someone left in the forest.
- 5. *The Story of Eliza Hamilton* is about one of America's Founding Mothers who was married to ______ Hamilton.
- 6. In *The Genius Under the Table*, little Yevgeny is not a star athlete or a legendary ballet dancer, but his ______ can change everything.
- 7. In the book *A Tree in my Tuba*, whenever Simon plays a note on his tuba, a ______ appears.

