



CLASSROOM QUESTIONS – OCTOBER 2022

Reading Comprehension

1. Teen author Olivia Amiri learned that writing poetry is simpler than she thought and that it doesn't require constant rhymes. Ask students if they like poetry and if they've ever tried to write a poem. Then ask them to write a few lines of a poem, with or without rhymes.
 2. Rising basketball star Tacko Fall and his sports agent wrote *Tacko Fall: To New Heights* about Fall's hard work that led him to play in the NBA. Ask kids to think of a goal they have and to write a few sentences about the goal and their ideas for working to achieve it.
 3. The teenage author of *Until Someone Listens* wanted to bring attention to broken immigration laws while also telling kids to speak up for what they believe in. Ask students if they've ever used their voice to make a change and have them write why they think it's important to do so, no matter your age.
 4. The book *Friends Lift You Up* has an anti-bullying message and is about being kind to others in all ways, big and small. Bullying can take more subtle forms, such as when kids are teased or left out. Discuss bullying with students and ask them to write about ways that they have been kind and can be kind to others.
 5. In *The Best Gift for Bear*, we see the joy of making a home-made gift for a friend or someone special. Ask kids if they've ever made someone a gift and, if so, to write about the experience. If they haven't made one, would they like to give it a try some day? What would they make?
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True or False

1. *A Parliament of Owls* teaches us about groups of animals, and we learn that a group of whales is called a pod. (True or False)
2. In the story *Brady and the Backyard Monster*, Brady is a little boy looking for an imaginary monster in his yard. (True or False)
3. *The Poem Forest* tells the story of a man who planted the most comprehensive rain forest in Maui and then gave it all to the Merwin Conservancy. (True or False)
4. In *Big Truck Little Island*, Meg needs to get to her ballet class but she's stuck in traffic on the island.
5. Author Cindy Derby's newest book, *Blurp's Book of Manners*, is about being kind and not sweeping our mistakes under the rug. (True or False)
6. In *Ruffles and the Teeny, Tiny Kittens*, Ruffles wants to share his toys with the five little kittens. (True or False)
7. In *Thomas the Turkey*, readers try to locate seven of Thomas's brightly colored feathers. (True or False)

Fill in the Blank

1. Author Conrad J. Storad's message to kids is: "Never stop reading and you'll never stop _____."
2. *Charlie and the Tire Swing* tells the story of a mighty oak tree that started from an _____.
3. In *Nervous Nigel*, the family of a crocodile named Nigel keeps pushing him to compete in _____.
4. In *The Gingerbread Cowboy*, the cowboy giddyups by the cattle and meets a _____ sleeping in the sun
5. In *This Is a Birthday Cake!*, speedy Bucky uses dirt with worms instead of flour, and bakes his cake under a _____.
6. A roving band of street urchins call themselves the _____ in the book, *The Patron Thief of Bread*.
7. In *Monsters in the Briny*, where a ship's crew encounters mythical sea creatures, the "briny" refers to the _____.

Fill in the Blanks: 1. learning 2. acorn 3. swimming 4. coyote 5. duck 6. Crown 7. ocean

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

Answers

