



CLASSROOM QUESTIONS – AUGUST 2023

Reading Comprehension

1. In her column, teen author Olivia Amiri talks about the lack of engaged reading and says recently she hasn't seen anyone in the library actually reading. Ask kids what they do at the library. Do they read books there? Do they check out books? Have them write a few sentences detailing their answers.
2. In Conrad's Classroom, we learn fascinating facts about bumblebees, such as more than 250 species have been identified worldwide, the male does not have a stinger, and they are fast fliers. Ask students to write at least three additional interesting facts about bumblebees.
3. Children's author Joey Benun wants kids to "think big and expand their imaginations" so they can be accustomed to doing the same as an adult. Discuss this idea with students. Ask them to write about something big they would like to achieve when they are older and what they intend to do to accomplish it.
4. The story *Shoulda, Coulda, Woulda* focuses on what impulsive behavior looks like, as opposed to thinking before acting. Discuss this topic with students and ask them to write about a situation they experienced where they could've made a better decision if they had given it more thought.
5. The main message of *Grady Whil and the Templeton Codex* is to embrace what we see as a challenge and learn to use it to enhance ourselves, because what often restrains us are our own perceptions. Discuss what the author means by this message and ask kids to write if they agree or disagree with it. Have them explain their answer.

True or False

1. *We Both Speak English But ...* is about two cousins who are 3,000 miles apart and in different countries, but they enjoy many of the same things. (True or False)
2. In *Little Mouse Adventures: Mindfulness at the Park*, Mouse's best friend is a dog named Mr. Opus. (True or False)
3. In the book *One & Everything*, One is a story that wanted to be the only story in the world. (True or False)
4. In the story *Bella & Blue: Bella Meets Blue*, Bella's lovable dog is named Gigi. (True or False)
5. *Curtain Up!* highlights the production of *The Nutcracker* and is packed with information about most opera productions. (True or False)
6. In *Wimps of the Wild*, Izzy's best friend Joey wants her to rescue baby tigers from the wild. (True or False)
7. The book *An American Story* is a powerful story about U.S. slavery. (True or False)

Fill in the Blanks

1. The award-winning *Nana in the City* is about the author's visits with her nana in the city of _____.
2. In *Jessie: Queen of the Road*, Jessie is the name of a _____.
3. In *Desert Jungle*, the author includes interesting information about the _____ Desert in the back of the book.
4. *Aqua Paws* is a story about preserving our oceans, and follows Aqua Paws as he gets stuck in _____ in the ocean.
5. *Geo* is a fantasy novel geared toward readers with an interest in _____ and engineering.
6. In the story *Being A Good Friend*, Bruna rescues a baby bird and names her _____.
7. The main character in the book *Sora Searches for a Song* is a little _____.

Fill in the Blanks: 1. New York 2. motorcycle 3. Sonoran 4. plastic 5. science 6. Luna 7. cricket

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

Answers

