



CLASSROOM QUESTIONS – APRIL 2021

Reading Comprehension

1. In Olivia Amiri's column, we learn that factory farming is polluting our air, water, and ecosystem. It's destroying millions of acres of forest, jungles, and land. She says we need to get involved and do our part, such as by growing our own produce. Ask kids if they have a garden and to write about it, or what they would like to have in a garden.
2. Climate change activist Naomi Klein wants kids to understand the science behind changes in climate and to use their voices to challenge political leaders and corporations to do more about climate change. Discuss climate change with students and ask them to write some ways that they can do their part and get involved.
3. The author's message to kids in the story *Only A Tree Knows How to Be a Tree* is that they are the only ones who know how to be themselves. Discuss with students what she means by this idea and ask them to write some things about themselves that makes them unique.
4. In *Calloiu Meets Sophie*, the main character meets an autistic girl at the park and learns about autism and understands that children with autism like to have fun too. Define and discuss "autism" with students. Ask them to think of a few ways they could communicate with someone with autism.
5. The author of *Kids on the March* says that kids have used various social media platforms to educate others and call together people for action in a way that generations before them could not. Define and discuss "activism" with students and ask them to write a paragraph explaining why it's important to stand up for what they think is right.

True or False

1. Actress Hilary Duff wrote her first picture book after returning to work after the birth of her daughter. (True or False)
 2. In the story *Slow Samson*, the main character is a snail. (True or False)
 3. The story of *Quest Like You* sends a message to little girls that they can own their own business. (True or False)
 4. The water dragon's name in *Raya and the Last Dragon* is Namaari. (True or False)
 5. In *Geraldine and the Space Bees*, Geraldine works on a solution to the decline in our bee population. (True or False)
 6. Author J. Dillard's first children's book, *Follow Your Clippers*, is about a basketball team in the NBA. (True or False)
 7. In the story *A Nose Apart*, Boba's eavesdropping gets her into a lot of trouble. (True or False)
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Fill in the Blank

1. Teacher and author Larissa Juliano says an important genre of literature for students is _____.
2. In the story *The Blunders: A Counting Catastrophe!*, the number of Blunder children is _____.
3. *Much Ado About Baseball* is a story about two _____ competition rivals who have to figure out a way to get along.
4. In the picture book *Dogosaurus Rex*, a boy adopts a dog but can't see that it's actually a _____.
5. In *Good Guys, Bad Guys*, a rowdy group of friends dresses up as pirates, swimmers, and _____.
6. In the story *Follow Me, Flo!*, little Flo's mind starts to wander and she is soon followed by a _____.
7. In *The Grumbletroll*, the little angry troll's _____ causes his friends to go and play without him.

ANSWERS

True/False:

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

Fill in the Blanks:

1. poetry
 2. 10
 3. math
 4. dinosaur
 5. cowboys
 6. fox
 7. behavior
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