



CLASSROOM QUESTIONS – MARCH 2021

Reading Comprehension

1. “We need to start paying attention to what’s in the food we’re eating,” says teen author Olivia Amiri. We consume about 17 teaspoons of sugar a day. She suggests we start reading labels to learn about the ingredients in our foods. Ask students to think of some ways that they can cut back on their sugar intake each day.
2. When Scott Kelly was a college freshman, he read *The Right Stuff*, a book that motivated the struggling student to one day be a record-setting astronaut. He says the book opened his mind to other possibilities. Discuss with students why reading is so important and have them write about a book that influenced them in some way.
3. When the author of *Starfish* was a child, she was bullied because she was overweight. She says society sends a message that anyone who is fat doesn’t have the right to be heard or seen. Talk about this topic with students and ask them to write why they think this view of overweight people needs to change.
4. Author and entrepreneur Meena Harris grew up in a family of ambitious women. She says ambition means you have a dream and a vision, and you don’t let challenges get in your way. Discuss with students why it’s important to have ambition, and ask them to write about a career they’re interested in or something they want to accomplish.
5. The main character in *The Chance to Fly* has a disability, but the authors’ message is that disability doesn’t have to limit you. The story is about connection, speaking up for yourself, and defining obstacles. Ask students to write a few sentences about why it’s important to be creative in figuring out solutions that can break boundaries.

True or False

1. In Mayim Bialik's *Flash Facts*, various artists and scientists explain some of the most incredible things, from the environment to virtual reality. (True or False)
 2. In *Bonaparte Plays Ball*, the Little Monsters team of baseball players are nothing but a bunch of bullies. (True or False)
 3. Added sugar is almost impossible to escape in processed foods, accounting for 58% of the average American's daily calories. (True or False)
 4. *Rover Throws a Party* is an educational book that teaches us many facts about the planet Venus. (True or False)
 5. The message in the story *Scarlet's Tale* teaches children that it's OK to be different. (True or False)
 6. In *Allie's Movie Adventure*, the main character is working on a movie set as an actress. (True or False)
 7. Astronaut Scott Kelly was the commander of the International Space Station on three expeditions. (True or False)
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Fill in the Blank

1. Black Herman, Richard Potter, and Henry "Box" Brown were all famous black _____.
2. In the book *Kids Fight Plastic*, we are taught about plastic's impact on our _____.
3. In *The Mysterious Disappearance of Aidan S. (as told to his brother)*, the brother's name is _____.
4. The sequel to *The Croods* picks up where teenagers Eep and Guy are ready to get a _____ of their own.
5. In *Sheepish (Wolf Under Cover)*, a wolf wants to fill his tummy with every sweet _____ dish he can imagine.
6. In the book *SOAR*, the main character is a bird named _____.
7. In the *Squire With Fire* books, the dragon'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. magicians
 2. oceans
 3. Lucas
 4. cave
 5. lamb
 6. Ramone
 7. Spitfire
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