



CLASSROOM QUESTIONS – APRIL ISSUE 2024

Reading Comprehension

1. *Kid-ventors!* tells the true stories of 35 kid inventors from around the world, including inventions for fun, inventions in technology, and more. Ask students if they have any ideas for something to create. If they could invent one thing, what would it be and what would they call it?

 2. In her column, teen author Olivia Amiri says that the setting is one of the most defining components of a story. Define and discuss “setting” with students. Ask them to write a few sentences about why they think the setting can be so important to a story.

 3. In Conrad’s Classroom, we learn many interesting facts about different types of woodpeckers, such as Pileated woodpeckers are expert excavators and prefer to eat carpenter ants, and acorn woodpeckers drill into trees where they can stash acorns. Ask kids to write three more fascinating facts about the woodpecker.

 4. *T Is for Trails: A Hiking Alphabet* takes the reader on an adventure through more than 20 hiking trails across the U.S. and Canada. Ask students if they’ve ever been hiking. If they have, ask them to write about their experience and where they would like to go next. If they haven’t been hiking, would they like to try it and where would they like to go?

 5. In the book *I Am Gravity*, each page describes something that gravity provides for our universe. Ask kids if they’re interested in science and how our world has been designed. Would they be interested in a career in science? Have them write some reasons for their answer.
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True or False

1. In *Who Would Win?: Blue Whale vs. Mosquito*, we learn that a blue whale's tongue weighs as much as an elephant. (True or False)
 2. *My Shyness Won't Stop Me* is about a little girl who easily makes friends right away when she moves to a new town. (True or False)
 3. The story Berkley the Dog in a *Noseful of Trouble* has a message about diversity and loving who you are. (True or False)
 4. In the book *Ellen the Elephant*, all the animals want to interact with Ellen because she is different. (True or False)
 5. Biz Kids offers a TV series that teaches kids about money and business, and a website with economics-based lessons and games. (True or False)
 6. In the story *Miss Macdonald Has A Farm*, Miss MacDonald tends to a barn full of animals. (True or False)
 7. *Shoe Print Art* is a book that teaches the steps to draw 55 images from a shoe print shape. (True or False)
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Fill in the Blanks

1. *The Secret Elephant* is based on a true story about a connection that develops between a _____ and a baby elephant.
 2. Among Fanny Farmer's many accomplishments is that she taught generations of Americans to _____.
 3. The name of the little boy in *The Wilderness* who doesn't like wild places and things is _____.
 4. The story *Otis the Trash Talking Octopus* takes a look at what _____ does to our ocean ecosystem and humans.
 5. In the story *We Are One*, one of the girls is from the city, while the other girl is from the _____.
 6. *Reach for the Stars* is a fascinating story about a young girl with big dreams of being an _____.
 7. *Timid* is a graphic novel about a shy kid named Cecil with a talent for _____ who only wants to fit in with the other kids.
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Fill in the Blanks: 1. zookeeper 2. cook 3. Oktober 4. pollution 5. beach 6. engineer 7. drawing

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

Answers

