



CLASSROOM QUESTIONS – NOVEMBER 2022

Reading Comprehension

1. Teen author Olivia Amiri discusses “intent” and says that having intent in every situation actually makes you see the big picture and prevents you from not getting caught up only in yourself. Define and discuss “intent” with students. Ask them to write a few sentences about something they intend to accomplish.
2. Children’s author Jess McGeachin grew up in a small town and says the local library was a doorway for him into other worlds. He says it’s important for kids to be exposed to wonder, intrigue, and imagination. Discuss these ideas with students. Ask them if they enjoy the library and reading, and to write down reasons for their answer.
3. Author Conrad J. Storar says that stories are powerful forces and his book *Story Monsters Among Us* takes the reader through the history of storytelling. Ask kids if they like to read stories. Do they like to tell or write stories? Have them write a few sentences giving reasons why they think that reading and writing stories is important.
4. In *Field Day for Eugene*, a student questions Eugene’s ability to participate in Field Day because he’s in a wheelchair. The story teaches kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Define and discuss these ideas with students and ask them to write why they think it’s important to be considerate and accepting of others.
5. The message of the story *How Christmas Got Its Colors* is that mistakes don’t have to define us. There is always a way to right our wrongs and continue to shine. What do kids think this message means? Ask them to write about a mistake they made and what they did to correct it, learn from it, and move forward.

True or False

1. The author of *One Thursday Afternoon* wrote the story to help discuss lockdown drills in schools. (True or False)
2. In the book *Rising Star*, the main character has spent her childhood training for a career as an athlete. (True or False)
3. During her career, the author of *Royal Planet* has learned to bring people of all backgrounds together to achieve success. (True or False)
4. The idea for *Queen Vernita's Magical Christmas Train Ride* came from a trip the author took with her family to the North Pole. (True or False)
5. In *The 50 State Unofficial Meteorites*, we learn that none of the U.S. states has an official state meteorite. (True or False)
6. In the story *Ballet Kids*, the Saturday ballet class is only for little girls who want to learn to dance. (True or False)
7. *Twas the Night Before Pride* offers a glimpse into the topic of gay pride and the history of the Pride movement. (True or False)

Fill in the Blanks

1. In *Coney*, a book about Coney Island, we learn that “Coney” is from the Dutch language and means _____ .
2. Author Adam Wallace has started a new series called Pugnacious and Scuttlebutt, about an over-anxious greyhound and a feisty _____ .
3. In the story *A Day by the Sea*, Frido is a very curious _____ that takes a trip to the beach.
4. The book *Bethlehem Barn* is a retelling of the nativity story from the perspective of the _____ .
5. In *The Clown Said No*, a clown named _____ and his animal friends are tired of the ringmaster telling them what to do.
6. Born deaf and blind, Helen Keller learned to communicate using _____ language and she was also a performer.
7. In *Brayden's Magical North Pole Christmas*, Brayden needs his magical _____ to transport him to the North Pole.

Fill in the Blanks: 1. rabbit 2. pug 3. dog 4. animals 5. Petronius 6. sign 7. glasses

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

Answers

