



CLASSROOM QUESTIONS – MAY 2021

Reading Comprehension

1. Teen author Olivia Amiri says reading is a gift and suggests starting a book club. In her clubs, they talk about what they read, favorite characters, the author's style, and the parts of the story they most enjoyed. Ask students if they would like to start or join a book club and the reasons why they would or wouldn't be interested in one.
2. *Nature Activity Book* strives to get kids excited about nature and the great outdoors with activities that deal with farms, the seaside, animals, and plants. Ask kids if they enjoy the outdoors and have them write a paragraph about an experience they've had with nature.
3. Author Linda Park says that writing isn't easy and authors make mistakes, but you can turn those mistakes into productive learning experiences. Discuss these ideas with students. Ask them to write about a field they are interested in and what they can learn from their mistakes along the way.
4. The author of *The Beekeepers* wants kids to have a better understanding of how crucial bees are to Earth's ecosystems and gives ideas for little things we can do to make a difference for these key pollinators. Ask students to give a few reasons why bees are so important to us and our food resources.
5. Teen writer Kabir Kurani details the reasons why he thinks virtual classes give students more opportunities and are a more convenient way of learning than in-class education. Ask students to write what they think about their own online learning experiences and to give reasons why they favor online or in-person education.

True or False

1. The message in *The Power of Piggy Bear* is it doesn't matter what gender we are or what we look like, we're all amazing the way we are. (True or False)
 2. In *Godzilla vs. Kong*, a shady tech company needs Godzilla to lead the way to the power source they seek.
 3. *Baloney and Friends* is a collection of mini-tales and mini-comics, and includes a lesson in drawing the book's characters. (True or False)
 4. In *The King's Decree*, a handsome young prince is what Princess Devina needs to make her smile again. (True or False)
 5. In *Antoinette the Tree Frog*, we learn that Claude Monet included water lilies in almost 300 of his paintings. (True or False)
 6. In the story *Mindi and the Goose No One Else Could See*, little Mindi sees a goose in her backyard. (True or False)
 7. The lesson in the book, *Small or Tall, We Sparkle After All*, is that the way we see ourselves is what matters, not what others believe. (True or False)
-

Fill in the Blank

1. Lindsay Fink's story, *Thomas the Turkey*, includes seven colorful paper _____ to be cut out for interactive play.
2. In *Where in the Zoo Are You?*, the zookeepers aren't able to check on the animals for 10 days because of a _____.
3. Author Liza Woodruff's character Milo would tell kids to get outdoors, because learning about the plants and _____ we share this planet with makes you realize it's important to protect our environment.
4. Author Alicia Ortego wrote a book for kids about _____ to create awareness and change.
5. In *Peke A Boo!*, Samantha is a _____ that is easily distracted when playing with her ball.
6. The book *Wagatha's Tale* is a kind and witty story told in rhymes about a _____.
7. In the story *Skinny Legs and Fat Cheeks*, the main characters are Kubwa the hippo and Zuri the _____.

ANSWERS

True/False:

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

Fill in the Blanks:

1. feathers 2. flood 3. animals 4. kindness 5. puppy 6. dog 7. giraffe
-