



CLASSROOM QUESTIONS – SEPTEMBER 2021

Reading Comprehension

1. Teen author Olivia Amiri says that promising to do something isn't actually doing it. We must make our spoken words match our actions. She says she's going to stop making promises she doesn't intend to keep. Ask students if they agree with Amiri and to write about a promise they made and didn't keep.
2. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch (GPGP) is an enormous patch of garbage in the ocean. We need to work together to curb water pollution, and one thing we can do is trade non-reusable products such as plastic utensils for eco-friendly ones. Have students write down some ideas for changing or limiting their use of plastic.
3. *Bird Boy* is a picture book about being yourself, even when it means you might be singled out and labeled as different. In the story, Nico's new classmates start calling him "Bird Boy" because he likes to observe insects and birds during recess. Ask kids to write why it's important to be yourself even if you think you don't fit in.
4. *Tails from the Animal Shelter* provides an introduction to animal shelters, including information about the types of animals that are kept there. Ask students if they've ever adopted a pet or would be interested in adopting one, and have them write their answers in a paragraph, including what type of pet they'd like.
5. *The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh* is about a boy with a stutter that makes other kids laugh at him, but he doesn't let that stop him from making his voice heard. The author wants readers to see that we all have something that makes us unique. Ask kids to write about one thing that makes them different from others.

True or False

1. One of the messages in the book *Wild Animal ABC* is that it's important to always be yourself. (True or False)
 2. In the story *I Like Trains*, a little boy tells us all the things that he likes about trains. (True or False)
 3. The YA novel *Born Behind Bars* is based on an article the author read about a boy who was born in prison. (True or False)
 4. In the book *Dragon Ops: Dragons vs. Robots*, the name of the boss dragon is Ian. (True or False)
 5. The author of *Wherever You'll Be* wants kids to understand that a parent's love is always there. (True or False)
 6. The narrator in the very informative book, *So You Want to Be an Owl*, is a little boy. (True or False)
 7. In *Now I'm a Bird*, the main character is perceived as an outcast by others and is targeted by bullies. (True or False)
-

Fill in the Blank

1. In *The Grumbletroll...Isn't Grumbling Today*, the main character looks for ways to control his own _____.
2. *My Day with the Panyé* teaches readers about the cultural traditions of the country of _____.
3. In the book *Nature Did it First*, readers learn about some of the inventions from _____ who studied nature.
4. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch in the ocean stretches from the west coast of North America to _____.
5. In *Constellation of the Deep*, the characters scuba dive to the bottom of the ocean to take a picture of a _____ that glows in the dark.
6. In *The Barn*, the story of what a typical day is like on a farm, is told from the point of view of the _____.
7. In *Phoebe Dupree is Coming to Tea*, the name of the character having a tea party is _____.

ANSWERS

True/False:

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

Fill in the Blanks:

1. anger
 2. Haiti
 3. engineers
 4. Japan
 5. plant
 6. barn
 7. Abby
-