

CATEGORY	AUTHOR	TITLE	Annotation	EXTENSIONS/ACTIVITIES
MIND & BODY	THOMPSON,LAUREN	BALLERINA DREAMS	Young girls with cerebral palsy work hard to make their dreams come true. Each girl is paired with a volunteer who helps them with their ballet classes as they prepare to perform for their families. This is a great true story about perseverance and courage.	WHAT QUESTIONS COME TO MIND? WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO ASK THESE GIRLS? CREATE A LIST OF INTERVIEW QUESTIONS. WHAT CHARACTER TRAITS DO YOU THINK ARE DISPLAYED IN THIS STORY? WRITE A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE ABOUT THIS.
PICTURE BOOK	COTTIN,MENENA	BLACK BOOK OF COLORS	THIS PICTURE BOOK IS ILLUSTRATED WITH BLACK ILLUSTRATIONS AND BRAILLE.	THIS BOOK WOULD WORK WELL WITH "NO TWO SNOWFLAKES" BY SHERRI FITCH. HAVE STUDENTS EXPLAIN COLOURS USING THEIR SENSES. WHAT WOULD THE COLOUR BLUE TASTE LIKE, SMELL LIKE, FEEL LIKE OR SOUND LIKE?
JUNIOR FICTION	KLISE,KATE	DELIVER US FROM NORMAL	CHARLES HARRISON IS EMBARRASSED BY THE FACT THAT THEY RENT INSTEAD OF OWN THEIR HOUSE AND HE WISHES THEY WERE "NORMAL" LIKE THE OTHER KIDS IN HIS SCHOOL.THIS IS A MOVING STORY THAT ALSO TOUCHES ON BELIEFS AND THE STRENGTH OF A FAMILY'S LOVE.	HOW ARE CHARLES' FEELING DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER MEMBERS IN HIS FAMILY? WHY DOES CHARLES NOT WANT HIS SISTER TO RUN FOR CLASS PRESIDENT? THIS IS A GOOD STORY FOR DRAMA. ALL OF THE CHARACTERS HAVE STRONG PERSONALITIES AND DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW.
INTERMEDIATE FICTION	PIGNAT,CAROLINE	EGGHEAD	WILL REID IS AN ODD KID WHO OBSESSED WITH SCIENCE, ESPECIALLY BUGS, AND WHO GETS BULLIED. KATE HAS BEEN HIS FRIEND SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND DEFENDS HIM EVEN THOUGH IT CAUSES HER SOME FRUSTRATIONS. DEVAN IS THE BULLY'S FRIEND AND HE STARTS TO REALIZE IT'S NOT FUNNY ANYMORE. THESE THREE VOICES TELL THE STORY IN ALTERNATING CHAPTERS, WRITTEN IN VERSE.	LESSON PLAN PROVIDED
SOCIAL STUDIES	NATIONALGEOGRAPHIC	EVERY HUMAN HAS RIGHTS	THE DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS ILLUSTRATED WITH POWERFUL PHOTOS AND INCLUDES QUOTES FROM YOUNG PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD. PICTURE BOOK FORMAT MAKES THIS ACCESSIBLE TO MANY DIFFERENT GRADE LEVELS.	ASK STUDENTS TO WRITE THEIR OWN DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. WHAT DO YOU THINK THE MOST IMPORTANT HUMAN RIGHT IS? WHY?

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PICTURE BOOK	ADA,ALMA	EXTRA EXTRA FAIRY-TALE NEWS FROM HIDDEN	A HUGE BEANSTALK HAS MYSTERIOUSLY SPROUTED NEXT TO JACK BLAKE'S HOUSE AND NOW JACK HAS DISAPPEARED. WRITTEN IN NEWSPAPER FORMAT, THIS IS A PERFECT PICTURE BOOK FOR MEDIA LITERACY AND CRITICAL PATHWAYS. DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEWS PROVIDE GREAT STARTING POINTS FOR DISCUSSION.	LESSON PLAN PROVIDED
INTERMEDIATE FICTION	ABBOTT,TONY	FIREGIRL	A NEW GIRL IS INTRODUCED TO THE CLASS AND SHE IS A BURN VICTIM. EVERYONE IS AFRAID OF HER AND NO ONE KNOWS WHAT TO SAY OR DO.	DISCUSS HOW IT WOULD FEEL TO BE IN HER PLACE. HAVE YOU EVER FELT LEFT OUT? WHAT COULD YOU SAY OR DO TO MAKE SOMEONE LIKE THIS FEEL COMFORTABLE?
PICTURE BOOK	BUNTING,EVE	FLY AWAY HOME	A BOY AND HIS FATHER LIVE IN AN AIRPORT AND MUST KEEP MOVING AROUND IN ORDER TO NOT BE NOTICED.	DISCUSS HOW POVERTY AFFECTS PEOPLE. WHAT ARE SOME SITUATIONS THAT HAPPEN BECAUSE OF POVERTY.
INTERMEDIATE FICTION	LAWRENCE,IAIN	GHOST BOY	HAROLD IS A FOURTEEN-YR-OLD ALBINO WHO IS CONSTANTLY PICKED ON. WHEN HE JOINS THE CIRCUS HE FINDS A PLACE WHERE HE FINALLY FEELS COMFORTABLE - AMONG THE FREAKS. BUT EVENTUALLY HE FINDS HIMSELF BETWEEN TWO DIFFERENT GROUPS - THE FREAKS AND THE "NORMAL" CIRCUS PEOPLE.	PLAY THE GAME "WHERE DO I BELONG" (FROM LARRY SWARTZ'S DRAMATHEME BOOK) - STUDENTS ORGANIZE THEMSELVES ALONG A STRAIGHT LINE - FROM TALLEST TO SHORTEST - ACCORDING TO BIRTHDAYS - ACCORDING TO AGE - ACCORDING TO SHOE SIZE - ACCORDING TO THEIR STREET NUMBER - IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER
PICTURE BOOK	TUTU,DESMOND	GOD'S DREAM	A GENTLE PICTURE BOOK THAT PRESENTS SOME OF WHAT GOD MIGHT EXPECT OF US.	WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD DREAMS ABOUT? THIS IS A GREAT STARTING POINT FOR A WRITING OR ART EXERCISE FOR YOUNG STUDENTS.
JUNIOR FICTION	APPLEGATE,KATHERINE	HOME OF THE BRAVE	A TOUCHING STORY ABOUT KEK, A YOUNG REFUGEE SUDANESE BOY WHO COMES TO NORTH AMERICA AFTER SEEING HIS FATHER AND BROTHER KILLED. HIS EXPERIENCE OF SNOW AND THE NEW CULTURE WILL PROVIDE IMPORTANT INSIGHT INTO IMMIGRANT CHILDREN THAT WE ONLY HEAR ABOUT IN THE NEWS.	IMAGINE YOU ARE KEK. WRITE A POEM. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO ASK HIM? HOW DOES HIS LIFE DIFFER FROM YOURS? HOW WOULD YOU REACT TO SOMEONE LIKE KEK COMING INTO YOUR CLASS?
PICTURE BOOK	LESTER,JULIUS	LET'S TALK ABOUT RACE	THE AUTHOR TELLS US WE ARE ALL A STORY. BEAUTIFUL ILLUSTRATIONS AND GREAT STATEMENTS ABOUT HOW WE ARE DIFFERENT BUT ALSO THE SAME.	ASK STUDENTS TO WRITE THEIR OWN STORY. WHAT QUESTIONS SHOULD WE ASK ABOUT OUR STORIES? WHAT MAKES US WHO WE ARE? COLOUR OF SKIN? OUR FAMILY? HEIGHT? LIKES AND DISLIKES?
PICTURE BOOK	UPJOHN,REBECCA	LILY & THE PAPER MAN	A YOUNG GIRL NOTICES A HOMELESS MAN AND WONDERS HOW SHE CAN HELP HIM.	A GOOD INTRODUCTION TO HOW WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE. SOCIAL ACTIVISM FOR PRIMARY GRADES
PICTURE BOOK	JENKINS,EMILY	LITTLE BIT SCARY PEOPLE	SOMETIMES PEOPLE CAN LOOK SCARY, BUT THEY PROBABLY GO HOME AND READ TO THEIR CHILDREN, BAKE COOKIES, DANCE IN THE KITCHEN AND ARE NOT SCARY AT ALL.	WHAT SCARES YOU ABOUT PEOPLE? HAVE YOU EVER JUDGED SOMEONE UNFAIRLY, ONLY TO FIND OUT THEY ARE MUCH DIFFERENT THAN YOU THOUGHT?
PICTURE BOOK	WALKER,ROB	MAMA SAYS A BOOK OF LOVE FOR MOTHERS & SON	MOTHERS AND SONS AROUND THE WORLD ARE BEAUTIFULLY DEPICTED IN THIS PICTURE BOOK WHICH FEATURES MANY LANGUAGES AND IMPORTANT WORDS FOR BOYS AND MEN.	THIS BOOK IS A GREAT SPRINGBOARD FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS. MAKE UP YOUR OWN BOOK ABOUT WHAT MAMA, PAPA, GRANDMA OR ANY OTHER MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY WOULD SAY. A GREAT BOOK FOR MOTHER'S DAY.

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PICTURE BOOK	BRUINS,DAVID	NINJA COWBOY BEAR	THREE FRIENDS START TO ARGUE WHEN ONE OF THEM SAYS THEY ARE THE BEST.	LESSON PLAN PROVIDED
JUNIOR FICTION	LORD,CYNTHIA	RULES	CATHERINE MAKES A BOOK OF RULES FOR HER BROTHER WHO IS AUTISTIC. SHE LOVES HIM BUT SOMETIMES HE FRUSTRATES HER. SHE ALSO MEETS A BOY IN A WHEELCHAIR WHO CAN ONLY COMMUNICATE USING A WORD BOARD.	WHAT WORDS WOULD YOU TAKE IF YOU COULD ONLY USE 10 WORDS TO COMMUNICATE. HAVE STUDENTS WRITE DOWN 10 WORDS. WORK IN PARTNERS. TRADE YOUR WORDS. SEE IF YOU CAN COMMUNICATE WITH THESE WORDS.
PICTURE BOOK	HOOKS,BELL	SKIN AGAIN	OUR SKIN DOES NOT TELL OUR COMPLETE STORY. IN ORDER TO REALLY SEE EACH OTHER WE MUST LOOK INSIDE.	FINISH THESE SENTENCES: I AM GOOD AT..... I WISH I WAS BETTER AT... BENEATH MY SKIN I AM....OUTSIDE OF MY SKIN I AM....I LIKE BEING... I DON'T LIKE BEING...I DON'T LIKE WHEN SOMEONE.... I LIKE WHEN SOMEONE... A BULLY IS... A FRIEND IS...
PICTURE BOOK	BOELTS,MARIBETH	THOSE SHOES	A YOUNG BOY WHO IS POOR GIVES HIS NEW FANCY RUNNING SHOES TO ANOTHER BOY WHO IS POOR.	HAVE YOU EVER DONE SOMETHING SELFLESS FOR SOMEONE ELSE? HAS ANYONE EVER GIVEN UP SOMETHING FOR YOU?
PICTURE BOOK		WANDA'S FRECKLES	Wanda doesn't like her freckles because some kids tease her about them. She tries many different ways of getting rid of them but finally accepts the way she looks.	PLAY HUMAN BINGO
PICTURE BOOK		VIOLET	VIOLET'S MOTHER IS RED AND HER FATHER IS BLUE AND SHE IS VIOLET, BUT SHE'S UPSET BECAUSE NO ONE IN HER SCHOOL HAS PARENTS WHO ARE MIXED.	WATCH THE BOOK TRAILER FOR THIS BOOK ON YOU TUBE. KIDS CAN MAKE THEIR OWN BOOK TRAILER - WRITE THE SCRIPT, ILLUSTRATE, USE SOUNDS OR MUSIC AND RECORD. A GOOD SPRINGBOARD INTO DISCUSSING DIFFERENT FAMILIES.
PICTURE BOOK		I CALL MY GRANDMA NANA	THERE ARE DIFFERENT NAMES FOR GRANDMA AND GRANDPA IN DIFFERENT ETHNIC GROUPS. WHAT DO YOU CALL YOUR GRANDPARENTS?	HAVE STUDENTS WRITE A STORY AOBUT THEIR GRANDPARENTS. DISCUSS DIFFERENT NAMES FOR COUSIN, AUNT, UNCLE, MOTHER, FATHER.
PICTURE BOOK		BIRD CHILD	A YOUNG GIRL NOTICES A NEW GIRL IS BEING BULLIED, AND SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT. BUT HER MOTHER TELLS HER "LOOK DOWN AND SEE WHAT IS, LOOK UP AND SEE WHAT CAN BE".	WHAT DO YOU THINK "LOOK DOWN AND SEE WHAT IS AND LOOK UP AND SEE WHAT CAN BE" MEANS? WHAT CHARACTER TRAITS DOES THE MAIN CHARACTER PORTRAY?
PICTURE BOOK		LISTEN TO THE WIND	A PICTURE BOOK VERSION OF "THREE CUPS OF TEA" - ILLUSTRATED WITH FOUND OBJECTS.	LESSON PLAN
NON-FICTION		THREE CUPS OF TEA	THE TRUE STORY OF GREG MORTENSON, A MALE NURSE WHO GOT LOST CLIMING K2, WAS RESCUED BY A SMALL VILLAGE, AND BUILT OVER 60 SCHOOLS IN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN.	LESSON PLAN
PICTURE BOOK		NAME JAR	A YOUNG KOREAN GIRL IS TEASED ON THE WAY TO HER NEW SCHOOL. WHEN HER CLASSMATES ASK HER WHAT HER NAME IS SHE TELLS THEM SHE HASN'T DECIDED ON ONE YET.	PLAY THE "NAME GAME  - WHERE YOU NAMED AFTER ANYONE? WHAT DOES YOUR NAME MEAN? DO YOU LIKE YOUR NAME? DO YOU HAVE A MIDDLE NAME? CAN YOU SAY YOUR NAME IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE? HOW MANY OTHER WORDS CAN YOU MAKE OUT OF YOUR NAME? IF YOU COULD PICK A NEW NAME WHAT WOULD IT BE?