



Reading Roundup



The World Needs More Purple People

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Partners



Introduction

Gather the students around you so that they are able to see the illustrations of the book. Most classrooms will have an area rug defining this space. Introduce yourself and tell the students that you are excited to share The World Needs More Purple People, written by Kristen Bell and Benjamin Hart and illustrated by Daniel Wiseman.

Before Reading

When I first read the title of this book, I thought to myself, "What is a purple person, and why would I want to be one? The children on the cover don't look purple to me. Does being purple mean my skin is purple?" Oh, I had so many unanswered questions. Little did I know I was on my way to being a purple person already! Maybe you're a purple person and don't even know it!

During Reading

- Begin reading the book by starting on the title page. Hold the book so that students are able to see the illustrations. Give plenty of time for students to “read” and think about the pictures. Continue to read through page 9.

- **Page 9 -P-** *What is the very first step to becoming a purple person? (Step 1 is asking really great questions.) -T/T- I'm wondering why the author says that asking really great questions is important. Is it better to know all the answers or ask really great questions? Turn and talk to a partner about this.* (When we are asking great questions, we're learning and trying to understand what we don't know.)

- **Page 15 –** *The author writes that purple people laugh - a lot. She says, “And it's almost impossible to be angry when you're laughing.” -T/T- Do you think that's true? Has anyone ever tried to make you feel better by making you laugh? Did it make you feel better or worse? Turn and talk to someone about this.* (Usually, it makes me feel better, but sometimes, I'm so angry that I'm not ready to laugh.)

- **Page 19 –** *We're learning more and more about purple people. The author writes, purple and share opinions. -T/T- “People don't just speak up. They also listen.” Look at the illustration and think about why listening is part of using your voice. What's happening in this illustration? Turn and talk to a partner about this.* (The girl in the purple skirt hears what's happening and offers to help the other girl find her own voice and speak up for herself.)

- **Page 24 -P-** *What did we just learn about purple people? (Purple people work hard, super-duper hard.) Purple people work hard to build things, learn things, grow things, change things, fix things, and help people. -P- Think about what it means to work super-duper hard? How do you know when you're working hard? (You might be tired or sweaty. You've worked hard when you've pushed yourself to do your very best.)*

After Reading

“The only way to be purple is to be you... Because the world needs more people. Just. Like. You.” -P - Help me remember the steps to being a purple person. (You ask lots of great questions. You laugh a lot. You use your voice. You work really hard. You are totally you.) How can you become more and more purple each day? What can you all do as a class to be a more purple class? What can we do to make our city purple? These are really great questions that I invite you to think about. You may want to use your voice to share your ideas and work super-duper hard to spread purple everywhere you go.

Remember – The world needs more purple people. We can all do our part to become a little more purple each day. Remember to listen and watch what's happening around you. Look for ways to be purple and help others become purple, too..

Vocabulary

Genius – very smart p. 5

Opinion – what someone thinks but can't prove p. 17

Argument (in this book) – reason p. 19

Surefire – cannot fail p. 32

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