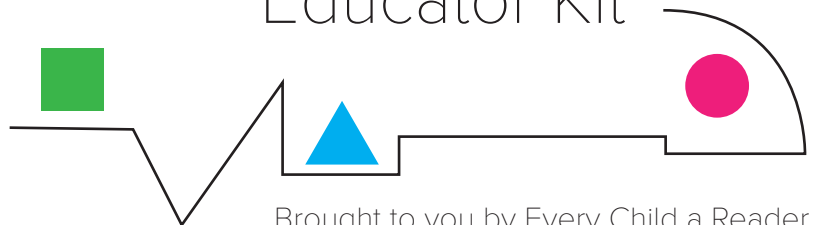


READ ● DREAM ● SHARE

Connecting with Books and Your Community



Children's Book Week  
since 1919  
Educator Kit



Brought to you by Every Child a Reader

# Introduction

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Since 1919, Children's Book Week has been celebrated across the United States. The longest running literacy initiative in the country, it is not only a celebration of books, but of connection.

At its core, Children's Book Week is a vehicle to unite kids and adults with books, authors, and illustrators in order to foster a love of reading. It gives teachers, librarians, booksellers, and parents/caregivers a structured but fun twice-a-year occasion to celebrate books and their importance. There is an immediate sense of connection in knowing that kids from coast to coast are celebrating books all at the same time.

Now, more than ever, we have to find creative ways to remain connected with our friends, classmates, and communities. Celebrating Children's Book Week this fall is one of many ways adults can encourage a sense of community and connection. The activities and tools in this kit can be utilized for at-home and in-person learning by teachers and parents.

This year's Book Week slogan is **Read. Dream. Share.** The activities in this kit are divided into three sections which invite kids to read books both familiar and new, engage their imaginations by dreaming big, and share those books and dreams with their wider world.

All kids need is some blank paper, a pencil, and a book or two.

Thank you for your participation and for the work you do to create lifelong readers!

***EVERY CHILD A READER***

PS - Find more resources to print and share online at [EveryChildaReader.net/cbw](http://EveryChildaReader.net/cbw). Kids and teens can also vote for the Children's & Teen Choice Book Awards at [EveryChildaReader.net/vote](http://EveryChildaReader.net/vote).



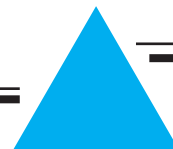
# Read: Pick Up a Book



Reading is something you can do alone, with a friend or adult, in a group, with someone younger or older than you. Reading introduces you to new people and places, both real and made up. The best way to celebrate Children's Book Week is by reading, of course! So grab a book and settle in. Once you are done reading a favorite, grab some blank pieces of paper, something to write and draw with, and have some fun with these activities and writing prompts.

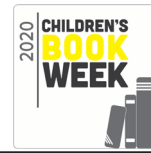
## PROMPTS

- Write or draw a story about your day.
- What types of books do you love and why? What types of books do you normally avoid and why?
- If you could be any character from a book, who would you be and why?
- Draw/write the first page of your graphic novel.
- Where one story ends, another begins. Write or draw what happens next after the book you read ends.
- Write or draw a list of all your favorite objects from a book.
- Write down some of your favorite quotes from books. Make up some quotes of your own.
- Make a plan or outline for a book you would love to read. Who would be in the story? Where would it take place? What would the book be called? (maybe you will start writing it yourself!).
- Create a map for a location in one of your favorite books.



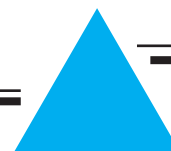
# Read: Your Book Checklist

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Use this checklist and challenge yourself to read some books you haven't before. Ask a grownup to help you find books in your room, school, library, or online. See how many boxes you can check off this week!

- A book about a real person
- A book about animals
- A graphic novel
- A book your mom, dad, or grandparent loved as a kid
- A book recommended by your teacher
- A book about someone very different than you
- A book about a topic you don't know anything about
- A book that encourages you to explore nature
- A book where animals can talk



# Dream: Let Your Imagination Run Wild



Books help our imagination grow. It is easier to dream big when you can read about the big dreams of others. Let the books you have read inspire your imagination to write or draw responses to these questions and prompts.

## PROMPTS

- Imagine you are an illustrator and draw your own Children's Book Week poster.
- If time machines existed when would you want to go first?
- If you could be any character from a book, who would you be and why?
- Think about a city you have never been to that you read about in a book. Draw a picture or write about that city as if you have been there in real life.
- Write a story that starts with this sentence, "She/He/They sat in the middle of a field, daydreaming about..."
- Create your own made up place and make a map for someone to explore it with.
- Imagine an adventure in space and use these elements: pirates, bees, jetpacks, and bears.
- Use your favorite character from a book you love, imagine a whole other adventure for them. It can be in that same world or in another you make up.
- Draw/Create a picture book with no words.
- Choose the scariest monster from mythology you can find, write a story where you vanquish them or befriend them. Writer's choice.



# Dream: Fill-in-the-Future

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Books let us explore other worlds, cultures, and ways of living. They inspire us to think about our futures and who we want to become. Start with this fill-in-the-blank page to think about the story of you!

I want to explore \_\_\_\_\_

I am excited to learn about \_\_\_\_\_

I can't wait to visit \_\_\_\_\_

As an adult, I want to read \_\_\_\_\_

If I could write a book it would be about \_\_\_\_\_

The kid that inspires me the most is \_\_\_\_\_

The book that inspires me the most is \_\_\_\_\_

One thing I want to teach other people about is \_\_\_\_\_

As an adult, I can't wait to tell kids the story of \_\_\_\_\_

When I dream about my future, I see \_\_\_\_\_



# Share: Connect With Your Community



There are many ways that books connect us. Reading and dreaming alone is great, but talking about a book with someone else can make it come to life. Sharing is one important way that you can make a big impact on your community and stay connected with the people around you. Connect with people using these ideas and prompts, then share with others online or in person.

## PROMPTS

- Find someone older than you to interview about an important historical event that they were alive for. What do they remember?
- Find someone younger than you and interview them about their first memory.
- Write a short skit based on a book and find someone to act it out with you.
- Create a special award for someone you know and write the speech you would give to present it.
- With your friends, create a graphic novel or comic strip where someone draws, someone colors, and someone does the lettering.
- Do something once a day during Children's Book Week to help someone else. Get inspired by what the characters in your favorite books do.
- What is something you love to do or know a lot about? Teach an adult all about this hobby or topic.
- Take the "Share a Book" quiz and then write down the important things you want to remember to say when you share your book with someone else.
- Grab a friend and organize something to support and connect with your community.



# Share: Book Sharing Quiz



Think about the last book you read, or tried to read. It doesn't matter if it has real people or unicorns, whether you loved it or not, or even if you finished it or not because this reading sparked ideas and questions in you. But how do you share it with others? Do you always have to love the book to talk about it? We don't think so...

Answer the Book Quiz and see some suggestions about how to share a book with someone based on your answers!

1) Did you identify with the character(s) in this book?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Kind of

2) Could you finish the book or did you stop part way through?

- A. I finished it
- B. I put it down without finishing
- C. I finished it, but wished I had moved on to something I like more

3) Did the book make you ask questions (about life, the universe, the existence of dragons, etc?)

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Kind of

4) Did you have a favorite scene or moment you can't stop thinking about?

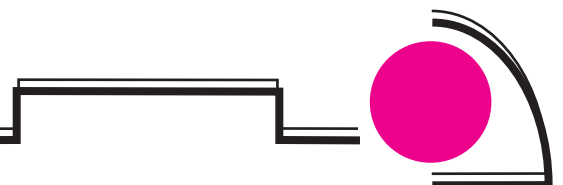
- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Kind of

5) Was it not your kind of book but you know a friend for whom this would be the perfect read?

- A. No, I loved it!
- B. Yes, not for me but great for someone else
- C. Kind of

6) Do you have strong feelings about the book you just read, good or bad?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Kind of





# Share: Book Sharing Quiz



## ANSWERS

Now take a look at all your answers. Do you have mostly A's, B's, or C's? Find a friend, classmate, or family member and share your thoughts on the book using the tips and sample scripts below!

### Mostly A answers

You LOVED this book and can't wait to share it with others. Think about all the reasons you loved it like the characters, the plot, the setting, and the main topic/theme. Now use the starter script to share your thoughts with someone!

*"I read this book and need to talk about it! I think you should read it because it's about \_\_\_TOPIC YOU BOTH LIKE\_\_\_. There's this \_\_\_CHARACTER/SCENE/MOMENT\_\_\_ that is so good I cannot even. [Share some of your other favorite things about the book, but be careful not to give away the ending]. Please read it, I cannot wait for us to talk about it!"*

### Mostly B answers

You tried to read this book but it just was not your cup of tea. You did think of someone who might love it though. Find that person and use the starter script to encourage them to read it themselves!

*"I read this book and thought of you! I think you should read it because it's about \_\_\_TOPIC THEY LIKE\_\_\_. Also, this \_\_\_CHARACTER/SCENE/MOMENT\_\_\_ is so perfect. [Share some of the reasons you think this person will like it. Feel free to let them know it wasn't for you but you thought of them as you were reading]. Please read it, I want to know what you think about it!"*

### Mostly C answers

You read or are still reading a book and aren't sure how you feel about yet. Encourage someone you know to read it so you can talk about all your thoughts together. Use the starter script to talk about all the questions this book sparked and start a conversation.

*"I am/finished reading this book and have so many questions! I think you should read it because it's about \_\_\_TOPIC\_\_\_. It made me wonder about \_\_\_SPECIFIC ISSUE\_\_\_ because this \_\_\_CHARACTER/SCENE/MOMENT\_\_\_ is complicated. Please read it, I want to know what you think and for us to talk about it!"*



# Book Sharing Quiz

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Tip for lending books...

We're all for sharing, but know that books that are lent sometimes don't come back... so if you want to keep your copy we recommend they get the book from the library or buy one at the local bookstore!

Tips for disagreeing nicely...

You aren't going to agree on everything with everybody. Try some of these sentence starters to acknowledge people's ideas while sharing your own.

- That's a good idea. Another idea could be...
- Very strong point. I also think we could look at it from this other point of view...
- I'm not sure I agree, I was thinking more that...
- That's a good point, however I also think that...

