

The Day the Crayons Quit

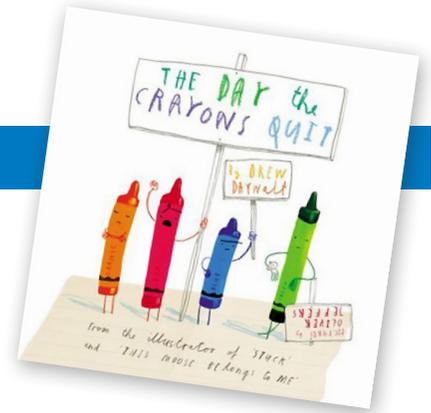
A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

Themes: Persuasive Writing, Opinion, Group Conflict

Book Brief: Duncan has a serious problem—his crayons have quit! Read the letters in this book to find out why all Duncan's colors have run.

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading: Each crayon's letter tells a different side of the same story. As the children read, tell them to think about how Duncan finds a way to make every crayon happy without picking sides.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

CRANKY CRAYON SCRATCH DRAWING (AGES 5-12)

Materials: white paper, crayons, black paint, brush, liquid dish soap, toothpick or paperclip

Color the whole paper with shapes and patterns. Use lots of colors and don't leave *any* white space. Mix black paint with a few drops of dish soap. Paint over the entire paper. When the paint is dry, use a toothpick or unbent paperclip to scratch out a colorful picture! (Can also be done with all children working together on one large sheet of paper.)

THE WHITE STUFF (AGES 5-12)

Materials: white paper, white crayons, watercolor paints, paint brushes

Finally, a use for the white crayon! Draw a picture or design on white paper using a white crayon. Press hard to make sure your



lines are thick and waxy. Paint over the paper with watercolor paints. Watercolor paint won't stick to the crayon, so your drawing will appear!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR (AGES 8-12)

A letter is a great way to share your opinion. Think of something interesting or important that's happening in your school, neighborhood, or the world. How do you feel about it? Write a short letter like the ones in the book. Give your opinion and explain why you're right. Mail or email your letter to the local newspaper—they might print it!



TECHNOLOGY LINK

Visit www.oms.edu/tech/colormix.php to see what colors can do when they work together!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS WRITTEN OR ILLUSTRATED BY OLIVER JEFFERS

The Great Paper Caper (2009)

Stuck (2011)

This Moose Belongs to Me (2012)



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