

Story Organizer Activity – Celebrating Differences!

As a class, fill out the below graph for *Magnificent Benito and His Two Front Teeth*, *A Cool Kid-Like Me!*, and *The Boy Who Sees Things in a Different Way*. Fill out the characters, setting, problems, events, and resolutions for these books. This activity will help the students organize the stories and see the similarities and differences among the books. Once the class has filled out the organizer for the three books, ask the students the following questions to stimulate discussion:

How do the characters in these books experience being different than others?

Although the main character in *A Cool Kid-Like Me* is considered cool, what can we learn from this character in regards to being different?

What are some of the similarities amongst the books?

What are some of the differences amongst the books?

What are some of the problems that the characters encounter?

What are some of the resolutions the different characters use to solve the problem?

Story Organizer with Sample Answers – Celebrating Differences!

Title	Characters	Culture	Setting(s)	Problems	Events	Resolution
<i>Magnificent Benito and His Two Front Teeth</i>	Benito	Pilipino	Town of San Cristobal	Everyone laughs at Benito because of his two front teeth. No one wants to be his friend.	Everyone laughed at Benito and his large front teeth when he was born. His mother died and Benito stayed at a monastery. He had difficulty finding a job. He tried to get rid of his teeth.	Benito found the good in his large teeth. He began making beautiful sculptures using his teeth as his tool.
<i>A Cool Kid-Like Me!</i>	The cool kid His grandmother Teddy	German	The cool kid's home	The cool kid was scared about a lot of things. His grandma was on vacation and was unable to talk to her about his fears.	The cool kid confided with his grandma about his insecurities. She went on vacation and gave him a teddy bear. He confided with the teddy bear about his feelings.	The cool kid confided with the teddy bear about his feelings while his grandmother was away. His grandmother came back and the cool kid was happy.
<i>The Boy Who Sees Things in a Different Way</i>	The new kid His classmates His teacher	Mongolian	A kindergarten classroom	The other students think the new boy is strange because he sees things in a different way.	The new kid starts going to a new school. He does things differently and looks at things differently than the other students. The students draw a picture for a contest and discuss the pictures.	The new kid draws a picture from a different viewpoint that sparks discussion in the kindergarten class. The class decides to submit the new kid's picture to a worldwide contest.

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