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Read Aloud Stories

WITH READFETTI STORYBOOK GUIDES FOR TEACHERS

Paired with
The Barnabus Project



Lesson Plan for Educators

🕒 Lesson Time: 25–30 min

Book Summary

Barnabus and his friends live in a secret lab where perfect creatures are made, but none of them is perfect. They are all “Failed Projects.” Barnabus has never been outside his tiny bell jar in the lab, yet he dreams of one day seeing the beautiful world above ground.

❓ Pre-Read Question

This book is about a character named Barnabus. He lives in a lab. The word “lab” is a shortened name for a laboratory. Does anyone know what a laboratory is?

✅ Answer

A place where scientists work, a place for conducting experiments, a place for science and learning.

Resources

Book Author

The Fan Brothers with Devin Fan

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JLG Book Number

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Questions

❓ Question 1: Gap-Filling

In this picture, a group of people are gathering in front of a store called “Perfect Pets.” Why do you think they are all looking at the pets in the window?

✅ Answer

The people think the pets are interesting. The people like looking at pets. The people may want to buy a pet.

❓ Question 2: Literal Recall

Who is the main character in the story? What is the main character’s dream?

✅ Answer

The main character’s name is Barnabus who is half mouse and half elephant. His dream is to see the outside world one day.

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? Question 3: Text-Connecting

How does Barnabus feel about being recycled?

✓ Answer

Barnabus does not want to be recycled because he likes himself just the way he is.

? Question 4: Vocabulary

What does the sound “bwaahhh” represent? How does it help Barnabus escape?

✓ Answer

This is the sound Barnabus makes with his trunk. The sound cracks the jar he is in, so he can escape.

? Question 5: Gap-Filling

All of the “Failed Projects” find their way out of the lab, but what do they do once they are out?

✓ Answer

All the animals stick together and help one another in their new home.

★ After-Book Activity

Activity Type: Partner Activity

This book shows the importance of friendships and how they can help us achieve our dreams. I want you to think about a few friends or family members who are helping you or have helped you when you needed it most. Share some examples with a partner.



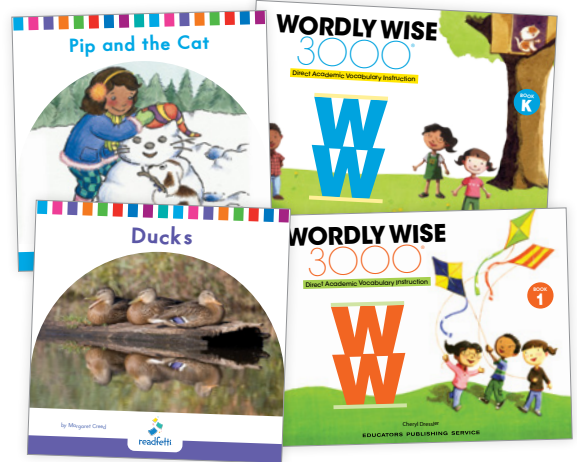
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