



Story Hour with theREP Activity for Grades 3-5

The Black Snowman by Phil Mendez

LEARNING STANDARD QUESTION:

Why did the author write this story and what evidence that supports your idea?

Responses → That being Black is a wonderful thing, and being who you are is a perfect thing! Voicing positive affirmations about oneself.

ACTIVITY:

Minute to Win it Cotton Ball Game

How to play – *Objective: to get as many cotton balls into the bowl as you can, using only your nose, in one-minute.* Each student is given a paper plate with a bunch of cotton balls on it, a bowl, and a dollop of Vaseline to put on their nose. Once students have their materials in front of them, they are given one minute to use their nose to transfer as many cotton balls as they can from the plate to the bowl.

Connection to the story - voicing positive affirmations about oneself. Students are asked to write down one positive affirmation per cotton ball that they got into their bowl, they can use their paper plate for this. Each student should write no less than 2 affirmations – even if they didn't get any cotton balls into the bowl.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

Cotton balls, a paper plate, a bowl and Vaseline

SHARE YOUR CREATION!

theREP would love students to share photos of their affirmations – and/or moments from playing the game! They can be emailed to Associate Artistic Director, Margaret E. Hall, at mhall@capitalrep.org