

Reading Questions: Prompt Sheet

The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt

Reading Questions and Answers

Black Crayon's Letter

p.13 What does the first sentence tell you about how Black Crayon is feeling?

- Example answer: The first sentence tells us that Black Crayon is very unhappy with how he is being used.

Can you think of a word that sums up how Black Crayon is feeling?

- Example answer: A word to sum up how Black Crayon is feeling is upset.

Green Crayon's Letter

p.15 How does this letter make you feel?

- Example answer: This letter makes me feel happy because Green Crayon is happy too.

How is this letter different to the others so far?

- Example answer: This letter is different because Green Crayon isn't writing to Duncan because he is cross.

What does the author mean by 'a very successful "colouring things green" career'?

- Example answer: The author means that Duncan is good at colouring things in green.

Why are Yellow Crayon and Orange Crayon not talking to each other?

- Example answer: Yellow Crayon and Orange Crayon are not talking to each other because they both want to be the colour of the sun.

Yellow Crayon's Letter

p.17 Which words and phrases has the author used to try to show Duncan that yellow really is the colour of the sun?

- Example answer: The author has used words and phrases like 'prove', 'brilliantly' and 'the true colour of the sun' to try to show Duncan that yellow is the colour of the sun.

Orange Crayon's Letter

p.19 How does Orange Crayon describe Yellow Crayon in the first two sentences?

- Example answer: Orange Crayon calls Yellow Crayon a 'BIG WHINER' and a 'Tattletale'.

Why is 'BOTH' written in capital letters?

- Example answer: 'BOTH' is written in capital letters because Duncan used Orange Crayon to colour in the sun in two pictures, but he only used Yellow Crayon to colour in one. The author has used capital letters for emphasis.

What is the joke the author is making at the end of Orange Crayon's Letter?

- Example answer: The author has written 'orange you glad I'm here?' instead of 'aren't you glad I'm here?'.

Deeper Reading

Can you explain what the story is about so far in your own words?

- The story so far has been about some crayons who have written a letter to their owner to complain. They are fed up with how they have been used and want to tell Duncan why.

