

Reading Questions: Prompt Sheet

The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt

Reading Questions and Answers

Blue Crayon's Letter

p.21 Which crayon did we last meet?

- Example answer: We last met Orange Crayon.

What is Blue Crayon's dilemma (problem)? Can you use words from the story in your answer?

- Example answer: Blue Crayon's dilemma is that he has been Duncan's favourite crayon for so long he is now too short and stubby.

Pink Crayon's Letter

p.23 Who comes after Blue Crayon?

- Example answer: Pink Crayon comes after Blue Crayon.

Why does the author use the word 'unused' to describe Pink Crayon?

- Example answer: The author uses the word 'unused' to show that Duncan never colours things in pink.

Peach Crayon's Letter

p.25 Why do you think Peach Crayon's letter came last?

- Example answer: I think Peach Crayon's letter came last because his problem is the worst of them all.

p.29 - 30 What does Duncan's picture at the end of the story show us?

- Example answer: This picture shows how Duncan is using the crayons in a different way to try to make them happy.

p.31 Why did Duncan get a gold star for his creativity?

- Example answer: Duncan got a gold star for creativity because he didn't colour things in with the usual colour, which made his picture interesting.

After Reading

Which crayon did you feel most sorry for? Why?

- Example answer: I feel most sorry for Peach Crayon because he can't even get out of the crayon box.

How does the story start?

- Example answer: The story starts with Duncan opening his bag to get out his crayons.

Were you surprised by the ending? Is it what you expected?

- Example answer: No, I wasn't surprised because I knew Duncan would want to make his crayons happy again.

Do you have to read this story in the order it has been written?

- Example answer: You could read the crayons' letters in any order but you need to keep the beginning and ending in the same place.

Deeper Reading

Have you changed your opinion about what you think Drew Daywalt is trying to get us to think about in this story? (Activity Plan 2).

- Example answer: Yes, I think Drew Daywalt was also getting us to be more creative with how we colour in or to try doing things differently sometimes.
- No, I still think the book is about how we use our belongings.

