

Red: A Crayon's Story

By Michael Hall

Red the crayon can't seem to live up to others' expectations.
Have you ever felt mislabeled?

Audience

- PreK-12

Synopsis:

In this thought provoking picture book a crayon is labeled red when it is clearly blue. The crayon tries its best to color objects red but it just can't. What do you do when you can't live up to others' expectations? You just have to be yourself. That's what. Crayon has a valuable lesson to teach all of us.

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Curricular Connections:

- Self-Esteem
- Confidence
- Individuality
- Friendship
- Comparing and Contrasting Literary Texts
- Character Traits Analysis
- Anthropomorphosis

Lesson Ideas:

- Analyze the character of Red the crayon as a study of character traits in literature.
- Compare Red to the book The Day the Crayons Quit. Discuss how the two authors anthropomorphize the crayons to tell the stories.
- Use the teacher's guide and the printable activities that were created by the publisher, Harper Collins and Greenwillow Books.
- Harper Collins activity sheet and teacher's guide:
<https://www.harpercollins.com/9780062252074/red>

Common Core Anchor Standards:

- CCSS.ELA.Literacy.CCRA.R.2
Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.
- CCSS.ELA.Literacy.CCRA.R.9
Analyze how two or more texts address similar themes or topics in order to build knowledge or to compare the approaches the authors take.

Suggested Companion Titles:

- Frankencrayon by Michael Hall

- The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt