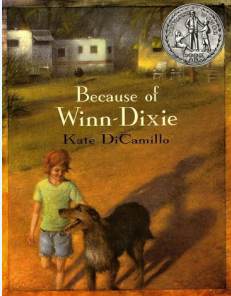


Because of Winn Dixie



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OVERVIEW

India Opal Buloni, everyone calls her Opal, is a 10 year old girl who has just moved with her father, the preacher, to a small town in Florida. She is unsure of her ability to make new friends in this town, until she meets a dog creating havoc in the local supermarket. She names the dog Winn Dixie (the same name as the supermarket) and takes him home to meet her father, who has always said she was not allowed to have a dog. Winn Dixie has a special effect on people, including her father, whom he won over with just one look. Throughout the summer Opal and Winn Dixie, who is always at her side, make many new friends and bring together a special community. *Winn Dixie* is a touching and funny story of taking chances and always looking for the best in people, regardless of their past.

SUGGESTED GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS

- Sequencing chart
- Elements of setting
- Vocabulary graphic organizer
- Venn diagram

AUTHOR INFORMATION

Kate was born in Philadelphia PA, raised in Clermont FL and currently lives in Minneapolis MN. She earned a degree in English in college and started writing novels for children when she was 30 years old.

Watch Kate talk about her career in her own words:
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BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED

Relationships with parents, teachers, friends, community

WRITING PROMPTS

Winn Dixie has changed Opal's experience in _____. What kind of impact did he make on her father, the preacher? How has his personality changed since he was introduced to Winn Dixie?

The preacher listed 10 things about Opal's mother. Create a list of 10 things about yourself using either words or pictures that you would like your classmates to know. Share with a partner, then as a class share one thing you learned about your partner to the whole class.

LITERARY DEVICES

- Point of view
- Conflict
- Characterization
- Plot

SUPPORTING MEDIA (graphic novels, movies, video clips)

Movie trailer: www.imdb.com/title/tt0317132/

COMMON CORE BIG IDEAS

Author study

Character study

Integration of knowledge and ideas gained from the text

WAYS TO HELP DIVERSE LEARNERS

- Preview the book/big ideas
- Watch the movie trailer
- Teacher verbally reads the book while students follow along
- students with print disabilities can read via the audio version
- Allow students to use a scribe or assistive technology for writing prompt response

RESOURCES

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