

Go-Along Page 1

Genie Wishes

_____ would be better if kids were in charge.

Five reasons why:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

More?

Write-On Sheet 1

Hey, Genie!

Working with a partner, convince a genie to grant your wish using reasons you brainstormed on the Genie Wishes page. Give the genie good reasons why your wish is worth granting.

Hey Genie!

Would you please consider granting our wish to be in charge of _____ ?

Partner 1: _____

Partner 2: _____

Partner 1: _____

Partner 2: _____

Partner 1: _____

Partner 2: _____

Wrap it up: _____

THINK ABOUT

- Have I chosen a topic that I really like?
- Do I have something new to say about this topic?
- Am I writing about what I know and care about?
- Have I gathered enough information so that I'm ready to write?

Go-Along Page 2

This, Not That

Which example does *not* focus the idea on pages 1 and 2 of *If Kids Ran the World*?

1. Kids would be happy.
2. Kids would work together growing trees and flowers.
3. Kids would love school and all the teachers would be nice.

Your Turn

pages: _____

Which example doesn't belong?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

pages: _____

Which example doesn't belong?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

pages: _____

Which example doesn't belong?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Write-On Sheet 2

In My Opinion

Which focused idea in *If Kids Ran the World* did you find the most interesting? Give your opinion why and back it up with examples from the book.

THINK ABOUT

- Have I zeroed in on one small part of a bigger idea?
- Can I sum up my idea in a simple sentence?
- Have I chosen the information that best captures my idea?
- Have I thought deeply about what the reader will need to know?

Go-Along Page 3

Rolling Along

Big Idea: Kindness

Focused Idea: We should not say or do things that hurt others' feelings.

Ways to develop the focused idea:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Big Idea: Peace

Focused Idea: Peace means no more hate.

Ways to develop the focused idea:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Big Idea: The Environment

Focused Idea: No one would throw trash on the ground or in the ocean.

Ways to develop the focused idea:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Big Idea: Friends and Fun

Focused Idea: Friends treat you with care and they don't bully.

Ways to develop the focused idea:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Big Idea: School and Learning

Focused Idea: At school, you read and write to explore what interests you.

Ways to develop the focused idea:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Write-On Sheet 3

Developing Strong Opinions

Choose your favorite focused idea and list ten ways to develop it, based on information from the posted charts.

FOCUSED IDEA: _____

- | | |
|----|-----|
| 1. | 6. |
| 2. | 7. |
| 3. | 8. |
| 4. | 9. |
| 5. | 10. |

THINK ABOUT

- Am I sure my information is right?
- Are my details chock-full of interesting information?
- Have I used details that show new thinking about this idea?
- Will my reader believe what I say about this topic?

Go-Along Page 4

Details, Details

List details you spot in the illustrations of *If Kids Ran the World* that support the authors' opinion.

Write-On Sheet 4

Perfect Place

What is your idea of the perfect classroom? Write about it and illustrate it here, using details to convince the reader it is, in fact, perfect!

THINK ABOUT

- Did I create a picture in the reader's mind?
- Did I use details that draw upon the five senses (sight, hearing, smell, taste, touch)?
- Do my details stay on the main topic?
- Did I stretch for details beyond the obvious?