

JUST LIKE CLICK

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“In a summer filled with mysteries, comics, friendships and midnight rescue missions, Nick learns that sometimes a superhero has to save himself.”

- Kirby Larson, author of *Hattie Big Sky*,
Newbery Honor Winner

Teaching
Resources



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Discussion Questions

- 1) Do you have a favorite superhero? What do you like about her/him? Why do you think superheroes have been so popular for such a long time?
- 2) Nick lives in a resort community where most people around him are on vacation. What do you think would be the pros and cons of living year-round in that type of community?
- 3) Most books we read include universal themes that many kids can relate to. What universal themes do you identify in *Just Like Click*? Do you feel the author talks about them realistically? Give examples.
- 4) Nick felt as if he was a disappointment to his parents, but in the story he demonstrates he's clever, resourceful, and talented. What are some examples of how he is more than he thinks he is?
- 5) Can you think of a time you were clever and resourceful to solve a problem? Tell about it?
- 6) Why does Nick decide to stay undercover?
- 7) Early in the book Nick thinks his father could learn something from superheroes? What could Dad learn? Does he change?

Activities

Comic templates from website

Download the templates from sandygrubb.com and draw your own comic scenes.

Act out a scene from Just Like Click

Assign one person to be Celia, one to be Nick, extras to be the people in Celia's house. Show Nick creeping around in the dark, looking for Ratchet. Show what happens when Celia spots him. What other scenes could you and a partner act out?

Draw a map of Black Butte Ranch and all the houses Nick visits? Where's the pool? The Boardwalk? Paulina Springs? The stables? The mountain?

Characters

Make a list of the main characters in Just Like Click. Now make a list of descriptors for each one. How did each one impact Nick's story in a unique way?

Inferences

How do you think Nick's friend life changed from first grade to fifth grade? Why do friends change over the years? Is that good? Bad?

Write a letter to the author?

What did you enjoy? What would you like to ask questions about?

Tell a friend

What did you enjoy about this book? Why should your friend read it? Can you compare it to another book you've read?

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Activities continued

A different point of view

Celia likes to talk and tells Jacey everything. Write a scene with the two sisters talking the night after Nick sets Ratchet free. And then again after Celia discovers that Nick is a Superman fan.

In the news

Write a newspaper article that talks about the mystery hero at work at Black Butte Ranch.

Your turn

Write two or three questions you'd use to lead a discussion about Just Like Click. Good discussion questions should require more than yes/no answers or statements of facts.

The story continues

Celia and Jacey will return home as the new school year begins. Write a story about Celia becoming an undercover superhero in her own neighborhood!

