

Ray

A RIF GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

Themes: Adventure, Humor, Light, Nature

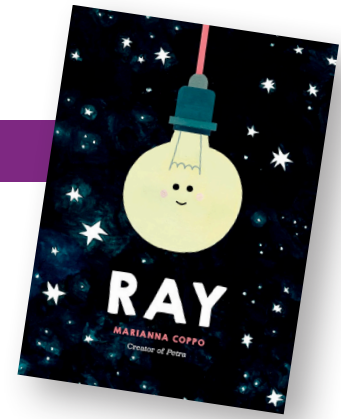
Book Brief: At the end of the hall, near the staircase, is a closet. In that closet lives Ray, who is a light bulb. Ray spends most of his time in darkness, which is pretty boring if you don't know how to fill it.

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Illustrator:

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TIME TO READ!

The Cover: Look at the cover of the book with students and ask, “What do you see on the cover of this book? What do you think will happen?” Discuss student responses and keep them in mind for the picture walk.

Picture Walk: Flip through some pages and ask students what they notice. Remind them of what they shared about the cover. Ask students if they still think the same things based on the pictures in the book, or if they have some new ideas about what will happen in the story. What makes them think that?

Vocabulary: This story will introduce vocabulary about light. Use Picture Cards: *darkness*, *artificial light*, *natural light*, *shooting star*, *sun*. Ask students if they know of words in their home language(s) that mean the same thing as these words.

Purpose for Reading:

“As we read today, pay attention to Ray and his adventures. What do you think will happen next?”

WHILE WE READ

AS YOU READ, PAUSE AND ASK...

Throughout the story, pause and ask...

- **Level 1:** “Where is Ray on this page? Point to him.”
- **Level 2:** “What is Ray doing on this page?” Students can describe or use a physical response.
- **Level 3:** “How are Ray and the sun the same? How are they different?”
- **Level 4:** “What do you think will happen next? What makes you think that?”

LET’S THINK ABOUT

Our Purpose: “Describe what happens to Ray in the story. What do you think he will do next? What makes you think that?”

Extending Our Thinking: What did Ray learn at the end of the story? Can you make any connections with Ray?

BOOK ACTIVITY: **Ray on the Go**

Materials: paper and crayons or other art supplies

Using paper and art supplies, create your own Ray. What adventures would you take your “Ray” on? Where would you go? What would you want to show Ray?

