

A Boy Called Slow

A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

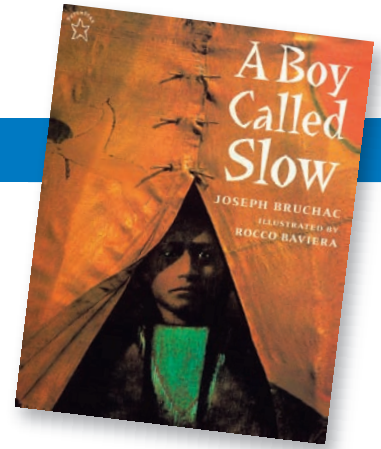
Themes: American Indian Culture, Family Traditions, Rites of Passage, Growing Up

Grade Level: 1st to 4th grade

Book Brief: This book tells the story of how Sitting Bull, hero of the Lakota Sioux, earned his name.

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading: Do any of the children know the stories behind their names? Do any of them have a special nickname or a name that only certain people call them? Ask children to share the stories of their names or nicknames.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

A YEAR IN THE LIFE (AGES 6-12)

Materials: brown construction paper/butcher's paper or brown fabric, markers or paint

A winter count is a drawing on an animal skin that shows the most important event of the past "winter" (year). In the Lakota tradition, the whole year is then named after that event. Think about your own past winter. On brown paper or fabric, draw or paint the most important things that have happened to you in the last year. Write a story to go along with your picture.

SETTING GOALS (AGES 7-12)

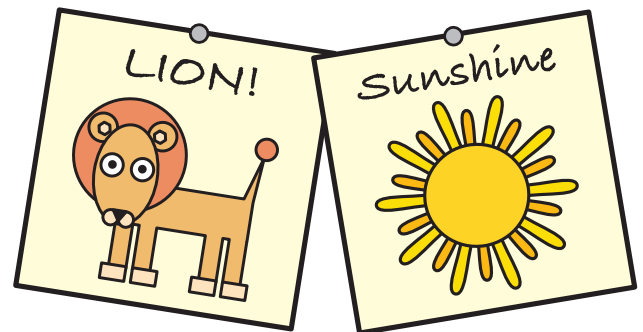
Materials: paper, pencil or pen

Slow set goals for himself. Think of two things you would like to do. Write these goals down. Under each goal, make a list of 2-4 steps you will have to take to accomplish your goals.

NAME CHANGES (AGES 5-12)

Materials: paper, markers, tape

If you could give yourself a new name like Slow, what would it be? What would it mean? Write your new name on a piece of paper and draw a picture to show its meaning. Display the drawings on a wall or bulletin board. Try to match the new names to their owners.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

Squanto's Journey (2006), *13 Moons on Turtle's Back* (1997), *Crazy Horse's Vision* (2000), *Between Earth and Sky* (1999).

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