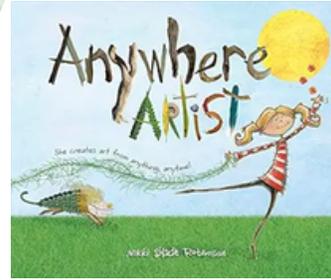


Nature-Based Read-Aloud Guide

# Anywhere Artist

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## COMPREHENSION PROMPTS

### Make Connections:

Pause after the third page and ask, "Have you ever made art without art supplies? What did you use instead?"

Periodically throughout the story ask, "Does this natural setting remind you of anywhere you have been? How is it similar? How is it different?"

### Summarize:

After the story, ask students, "What are some settings the child used to create anywhere art?" The settings are: Forest, beach, rainy day, and the sky. Follow up by asking, "Which natural setting would you enjoy being in to create anywhere art? Why?"

### Predict:

Pause after the first page and ask, "What do you predict an anywhere artist might be?"

Pause again after the third page and have students build-on to their earlier predictions by prompting "If she's not using art supplies such as paint or paper, what kind of materials might she use?"

### Infer:

Ask students, "How do you think the child is feeling as she creates anywhere art? Why?"

## **FOLLOW UP NATURE ACTIVITY: CREATING ANYWHERE ART**

- Take class to a natural area with lots of hands-on natural materials such as sticks, twigs, pinecone, leaves, etc.
- Discuss how the girl in the story used a wide variety of materials and settings to create her art. Emphasis that there is no right or wrong way to be an anywhere artist.
- Encourage students to create with natural materials either individually or in small groups. Give students plenty of time to experiment with different materials and creations.
- After 20 minutes or so, gather the class and take a gallery walk to view each other's creations. Have each student/group tell about their creation and allow time for questions or comments from peers.

### **Extension Ideas:**

- Photograph the anywhere art and use these images as inspiration for a descriptive writing project where students create an artist's description of their work.
- Repeat this read-aloud activity seasonally so students can be snow artists, puddle artists, leaf artists, etc.



Example of student-created Anywhere Art!