

Simple Literature No. 86: Curriculum for
Happy Birthday, Danny and the Dinosaur!

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How to Use This Curriculum

- 1.** Have students read this book for 20 to 30 minutes each day.
- 2.** When students have finished the book, ask the **Comprehension Questions**. A study guide worksheet is available for practice, but an oral discussion is appropriate for this age group.
- 3.** When you have finished discussing the comprehension questions, have students **Write a Paragraph**. Students should write in complete sentences, spell words correctly, capitalize the first letter of every sentence, and place a period at the end of each sentence.
- 4.** Although these guidelines work for this age group, remember that your students are individuals. Therefore, adjust the curriculum to your students' abilities and personalities.

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Curriculum for *Happy Birthday, Danny and the Dinosaur!* by Syd Hoff

OVERVIEW

1. Have students read for 20 to 30 minutes. Reading for half an hour, and not a completed book, is the daily goal. A study guide for this book is available. If you assign it, let students complete the study guide while they are reading the book.
2. When students have finished reading the book, ask the comprehension questions (study guide questions). If you assigned the written study guide, let students read their answers from it.
3. Prompt students to write a paragraph.

SUMMARY

Danny invites a dinosaur from the museum to his sixth-grade birthday party. All of Danny's friends ride to his party on the dinosaur. Danny decides to share his birthday with the dinosaur. Everyone decorates the house. They climb on the dinosaur to reach high places. Everyone sings, but the dinosaur does not have a good voice. They play party games and eat ice cream and cake. The dinosaur eats a lot. Both Danny and the dinosaur have a great birthday, and they hoped they can be together again the following year.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Who came to Danny's party? Danny invited many kids and the dinosaur from the museum. His parents were there, too.
2. How did the dinosaur help? The dinosaur became the ride to the party for all the kids and helped them hang party decorations.
3. Who blew out the candles? What was the wish? Both Danny and the dinosaur blew out the candles. They wished to be together the following year for their birthdays.

WRITE A PARAGRAPH

Have students relate one aspect of *Happy Birthday, Danny and the Dinosaur!* to their own lives by writing a paragraph:

Danny invited a dinosaur to his birthday party. What would you do if you had a friendly dinosaur at your next birthday party? Write about the things you would do and the things that would happen because the dinosaur was there.

Name _____ Date _____

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Instructions: Write your answers in the spaces below.

1. Who came to Danny's party?

2. How did the dinosaur help?

3. Who blew out the candles? What was the wish?