

## Henri and the Magnificent Snort

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### Discussion questions

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- 1) What did Henri like best about living in New York City?
- 2) When Henri's family moved to a new city, how did he feel?
- 3) In what way was Henri bullied at Doggie Day Care?
- 4) How did Henri feel when he was being bullied? What thoughts did he have about himself?
- 5) How did the other dogs act when Russell called Henri names? How did Henri's new friends act? Did this make the situation better or worse? What would you have done if you were there?
- 6) Why didn't Henri want to tell his mom that he was being bullied?
- 7) What happened when Henri did tell his mom? What did Henri learn from his mom? Did he feel better?
- 8) What happened when Henri saw Russell at the beach? How did Henri feel about what happened and how his new beach friends treated Russell?
- 9) What did Henri do to stand up against bullying? Do you think his actions helped others?
- 10) The book talks about how we are all special and unique. What is something special about Henri? What is something special and magnificent about you? What is something special about the person next to you?

### Personal Questions (for discussion, journaling, or ideally both)

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- 1) Have you ever been bullied?
  - a. What happened?
  - b. How did you feel?
  - c. What would have helped you the most?
  - d. What could you do in the future, having learned from what you've gone through?
- 2) Have you ever seen someone else being bullied?
  - a. What happened?
  - b. How did you feel?
  - c. Is there anything you can think of now that you would have done differently?
  - d. What could you do in the future?

- 3) Have you ever bullied someone else?
  - a. What happened?
  - b. How did you feel?
  - c. Is there anything you can think of now that you would have done differently?
  - d. Is there anything you could do to make it better now?
  - e. What could you do in the future?
  
- 4) In the book, Henri becomes insecure about his snort. Throughout the story, Henri learns that his snort is just one of his many lovable characteristics, and that by being his authentic self - snorts and all - he inspires the other dogs to recognize that they are special and lovable and connected.
  - a. What is something about yourself that you are insecure about?
  - b. How could you change your perspective about this part of yourself and see it as a gift and something that is magnificent?
  
- 5) What are some of the ways you are connected to your community? In what ways does your community support you? How do your actions make your community a better place?