

Reading Questions: Prompt Sheet

The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt

Reading Questions and Answers

Before Reading

Front Cover

What do you think this book will be about?

- Example answer: I think this book will be about some angry crayons.

What sort of text do you think this is? What features might you expect to see in this sort of text?

- Example answer: I think this is a story so I think there will be illustrations, lots of characters and perhaps some chapters.

What do you think the main character(s) will be?

- Example answer: I think the main characters will be the crayons.

What does the word 'quit' mean? Where can you find the meaning if you don't know?

- Example answer: If we don't know what 'quit' means, we can look in a dictionary to find out. The word 'quit' means leave or stop.

Back Page

What do the illustrations show you? What are they doing?

- Example answer: The illustrations show the crayons holding signs.

Why do you think they are doing that?

- Example answer: I think they are doing that because they are angry about something.

How do you think Pink Crayon is feeling? How can you tell?

- Example answer: I think Pink Crayon feels sad because his mouth is turning down and his sign says 'We're Not Happy'.

After Reading the Blurb

Who is Duncan?

- Example answer: Duncan is a little boy.

Why does the author call him 'Poor Duncan' in the first sentence of the blurb?

- Example answer: The author calls Duncan 'Poor Duncan' because he wants to colour in but his crayons have quit.

Why do you think 'Pink just wants to be used'?

- Example answer: I think Pink doesn't get used because Duncan might not like the colour in his pictures.

Why do you think Yellow and Orange aren't talking to each other?

- Example answer: I think Yellow and Orange aren't talking to each other because they don't like each other.

What do you think Duncan will do?

- Example answer: I think Duncan will have to find a way to make the crayons come back so he can colour in his pictures.

How do you think this will end?

- Example answer: I think this story will end with Duncan getting his crayons back.

Deeper Reading

Who do you think this book is written for?

- Example answer: I think this book is written for children who are in year 2. It might be aimed at children who like drawing and colouring.

Do you think people would still choose to read the book if there wasn't a picture on the front cover? Why or why not?

- Example answer: The picture on the front cover is very interesting and colourful so might make people want to read the book. Fewer people might choose the book if it just had a blank cover.

Have you read any other books by Drew Daywalt or Oliver Jeffers?

- Example answer: I haven't read any other books by Drew Daywalt but I have read 'Lost and Found' and 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers.

