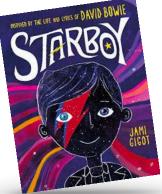
CATCH a spark!

Using children's literature to SPARK CREATIVITY



Starboy: Inspired by the Life and Lyrics of David Bowie

Written by Jami Gigot 40 pages / All Grades

All too often, we are expected to fit the norms. This book is a tribute to individuality, creativity and self-expression, along with the understanding that it will radiate and bring joy to all those around you. There is a rhythm and music inside all of us, special and unique. Find your song and create it.

C Context

Individuality - the sense that being unique is a positive trait despite the loneliness that is sometimes accompanied by it.

Onomatopeia and giving voice through sound to writing.

The self you portray to others versus your real self.

A Arts

Adding color to life's often dull situations.

Fostering imagination.

The music and artistry of David Bowie

The impulse to create

• Themes

Using music and art as an outlet for loneliness.

> Celebrating uniqueness

Sharing passion and light

Not being afraid to be yourself

Create

Start with a writing piece that is only for the student. What do they keep quiet? How do they keep their individuality to themselves and why? Create a fictional character based on this journal writing. Share the story with others and watch them be inspired. Discuss with students.

Create a abstract self portrait made entirely of color. What are your colors and why? How can you represent your sparkle, your light and your sound through this piece?

Create yourself in song, music, lyrics.

Heart Words

"He added a flash of color wherever he went and let his imagination run wild."

"With the rhythm of the stars, joy tickled through him in waves."

"Commotion and color swirled around him. Rhythms and riffs, like the hearts of stars beating loudly began to spread..."

"The spark inside him radiates like a shining star"