

**Gr. P-3 Making Connections-Text to Self** (English Language Arts)  
**AND Similarities and Differences of Cultural Groups and  
Communities** (Social Studies) Created by N. Nurse- Jones

Outcomes: P to 3 Students will be expected to...

ELA GCO 6- respond personally to a variety of texts.

Gr. P ELA SCO 6.1- make personal connections to text and share their responses in a variety of ways

Gr. P ELA SCO 7.4 begin to develop an understanding and respect for diversity

Gr. 1 ELA SCO 7.2- respond critically to texts - develop an understanding and respect for diversity

Gr. 1 Soc. St. SCO 1.1.2- demonstrate an understanding of the similarity and diversity of social and cultural groups

Gr. 2 ELA SCO 6.1 make personal connections to texts and describe, share, and discuss their reactions and emotions

Gr. 3 ELA SCO 6.1 make personal connections to texts and describe, share, and discuss their reactions and emotions

Materials: Book- Up Home (by Shauntay Grant), personal connection sheet, Venn Diagram (This can be two separate lessons)

Procedure:

1. Introduce the book and the author (bio in the book).
2. Look at the cover of the story and ask students what is going on in the picture? What do they think the story is about?
3. Ask students what are some things in their community they like to do? Record answers on chart paper.
4. Read the story. Stopping in various places that are similar or different then their answers.
5. After reading, ask students to compare the things that Shauntay loved doing in her community of North Preston to things they liked doing in their community. Talk about respect and appreciation for differences in people and amongst themselves in the classroom culturally. Make a Venn Diagram.

6. Get students to make a personal connection to the text and draw a picture and write about it. The Gr.'s 2-3 would be able to support their answers with more detail, and include feelings and/or emotions with their connection.
7. Share connections with classmates. Note how there are similarities and differences within the same community as well.

Up Home  
By Shauntay Grant

Shauntay Grant writes about her favorite memories of growing up in North Preston. Make a personal connection and write about your favorite memory while growing up in your community.

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