

# The Day the Crayons Quit

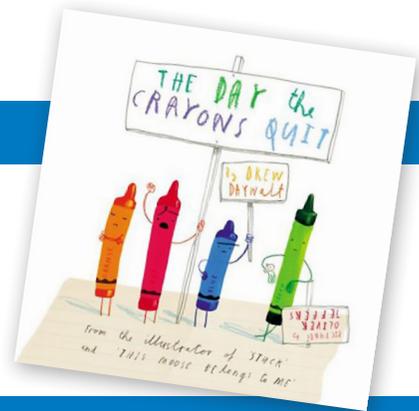
## A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

**Themes:** Persuasive Writing, Opinion, Group Conflict

**Book Brief:** Duncan has a serious problem—his crayons have quit! Read the letters in this book to find out why all Duncan's colors have run.

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**Illustrator:**  
Oliver Jeffers



## TIME TO READ!



### Before reading, build background knowledge:

Do you have certain crayons or markers you always use to draw the same things? Which crayon is your favorite to use? Why?

**While reading, make comparisons:** Each crayon writes from its own point of view. How does each

letter tell a different side of the same story? What is the whole story?

### After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Which crayon gives the best reason for quitting?
- ◆ What else could you draw with beige?
- ◆ Who should get to color the sun—orange or yellow?
- ◆ What's special about Duncan's picture at the end of the book?

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### CRANKY CRAYON SCRATCH DRAWING

Materials: white paper, crayons, black paint, brush, liquid dish soap, toothpick or paperclip

Color the whole paper with shapes and patterns. Use lots of colors and don't leave *any* white space. Mix black paint with a few drops of dish soap. Paint over the entire paper. When the paint is dry, use a toothpick or unbent paperclip to scratch out a colorful picture!

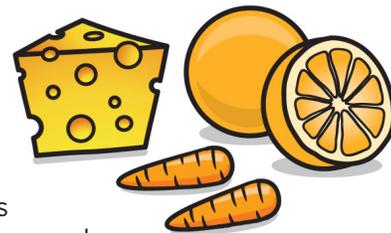
### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A letter is a great way to share your opinion. Think of something interesting or important that's happening in your school, neighborhood, or the world. How do you feel about it? Write a short letter like the ones in the book. State the issues, give your opinion, and explain (give reasons and examples) why you're right. Mail or email your letter to the local newspaper—they might print it!

### PICK-A-SIDE SNACKING

Ingredients: one color of food

Which crayon do you agree with? Whose side are you on? Pick the color you think is right and show your support by eating a snack that's entirely that color. For example, to support orange, you could eat orange slices, carrot sticks, and cheese cubes. For blue, try blueberries and blue corn tortilla chips or blue fruit snacks. For rare colors, add a few drops of food coloring to milk or vanilla yogurt.



### TECHNOLOGY LINK

Visit [www.oms.edu/tech/colormix.php](http://www.oms.edu/tech/colormix.php) to see what colors can do when they work together!

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### OTHER BOOKS WRITTEN OR ILLUSTRATED BY OLIVER JEFFERS

*The Great Paper Caper* (2009)

*Stuck* (2011)

*This Moose Belongs to Me* (2012)



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