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Teacher Notes and Activities

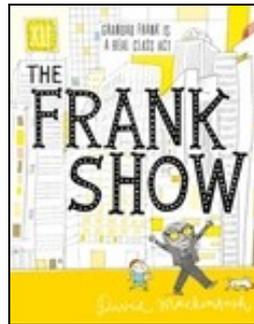
The Frank Show

By David Mackintosh
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Frank is your typical grandad, but no one has a grandad like him...

If you had to stand up and talk, for one whole minute, about a member of your family, who would you pick? Everyone else chooses really cool people, like Tom's Uncle Marlon who plays drums in a band, or Elaine's sister with her company car. But there's nothing cool about grandad Frank... or is there?

In this hilarious, wise and heart-warming story, awesome new picture book talent David Mackintosh shows with a supreme lightness of touch just how much the older generation has to teach us, and how much fun learning from them can be.



Themes:

- Generational differences
- Appreciating family
- Learning from others

Discussion Points

- 'But Frank is just a grandad'. Why did the boy think his grandad wasn't interesting?
- Is this a common feeling towards older people in our lives, especially grandparents? Expand on this.
- How do you view your grandparents or older people in your life? Is their opinion valued enough?
- 'Things were a lot tougher back then'. What was Frank referring to?
- After hearing Frank's story, do you think he is right about life now compared to then?
- Can you recall the names and occupations/interesting facts about the other students person of choice? Who do you think was the most interesting?
- How do you think the relationship between the boy and his grandad will change after the activity at school?

Activities:

- 'These days there are too many gadgets and gizmos. I prefer doing things the old-fashioned way'. Make a list of things that we use today that were not around in Frank's day.
- Do the activity that the story is based around. Choose one person and talk about the things they like and what kind of person they are. You might just find out things about them that you never knew!