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Teacher Notes and Activities

Noah Dreary

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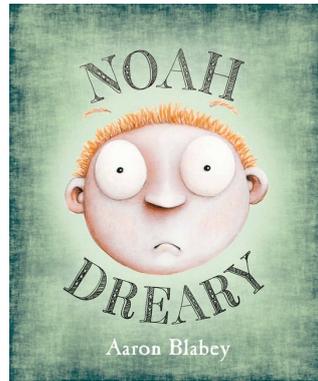
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One day, Noah Dreary complained so much that his head fell off.

Award-winning children's book author, Aaron Blabey, spins another hilarious tale about the curve balls that life can throw at us. Perfect for readers 6+ years and to be enjoyed by all.

It's an expression we've all heard many times, but talented author/illustrator, Aaron Blabey, takes it to another extreme in this hilarious story about a boy who discovers the very real consequences of his continual complaining. And even then, it seems it will only take a catastrophic event to bring Noah back to his senses.



Themes:

- Complaining
- Being satisfied
- Appreciating what we have

Discussion Points:

- What does 'complain' mean? What are some other words that mean the same thing?
- Why do we 'complain' about things?
- Who do you complain to? Are your complaints justified? Does it change anything?
- Can you recall the twelve things that Noah Dreary complained about before his head fell off? Do you sometimes complain about the same things? If so, why?
- How did Noah react to his head falling off? Would this be how you might react if something really bad happened to you? Explain.
- Why do you think the author has used something extreme happening to Noah (his "head falling off") in this story? Do you think that the author may have used this to make a point?
- Why did Noah eventually say 'I must be the luckiest boy in the whole, entire world'?
- How did his attitude and life change after this?
- In your own words, explain to the class what you think the real moral behind the story is.
- Has it made you think about why, how and what you 'complain' about? Will you now think twice before you do? Will you now appreciate who and what you have more? Explain.

Activities:

- Families are often the ones we complain to and about the most. Just as Noah hugged his family to say sorry, write a letter to someone close to you telling them that you are sorry for complaining.