

Big Bad Bully Bus

Courage



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On your Post-It fill in:

A bully is _____

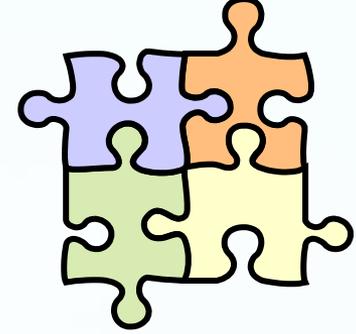
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Let's Chat!



- I noticed many of you thought about bullies as kids who may pick on other kids or make fun of them, could you expand your thinking and tell me what those bullies might say or do?
- I noticed some of you drew boy bullies. Is a bully always a boy? Why or why not? Can a girl be a bully? Do girls and boys have different methods of bullying? Explain.
- What are some places bullying takes place?
- I noticed some of you responded that bullies are mean. Why do you think they are so mean? What makes them act that way?

Connections



- Have any of you been bullied and would you be willing to share what happened?
- What can you do to survive a bullying situation and not let it ruin your day?
- Can anyone think of a situation where you acted like a bully to get your own way? How could you have acted differently?

Soak in the Song!

- Let's just listen to the song, let is soak in!



Big Bad Bully Bus

The big bad bully bus is
rolling into town.
It comes to pick you up
but it often lets you down.

The big kids in the back
are making quite a fuss.
How will you survive
The big bad bully bus?

Drivers up front
he's looking at the road,
63 kids is a pretty heavy load
No time to look back,
No time to supervise,

the big kids in the back are
telling nasty lies.

What will you do?
What will you say?
When all the bullies
come your way!

They start to call you names
they laugh right in your face,
spitballs start to fly,
they make fun of your race.

They make you want to cry.
They make you want to scream.
But if you hit 'em back,
you join the bully team.

We become the choices
we make everyday
and if you take the high road
things will be ok.
To be a better person
we all must learn to trust,
each of us must take the wheel
of our own bad bully bus.

Talk to an adult
when you get to school.
Ask a bully why
or tell them that's not cool.

Learn to walk away
or stand up for a friend,
5 ways to defeat a bully in the end.

We must be strong
We must be brave
When all the bullies
come our way!

The big bad bully bus
is rolling into town.
It comes to pick you up
don't let it bring you down

The big kids in the back are
making quite a fuss
But you and I are driving the
big bad bully bus.

You and I
are driving the
big bad bully bus.

Digging Deeper



Listen For:

- Evidence of what the bullies do.
- Examples of tips to stand up to a bully.
- Images of bullying.

Think, Pair, Share



- What does it mean to take the wheel of the bully bus?
- What ideas to you have about taking the high road?
- The big message of the song.
- “How can we take the wheel of our own bully bus?” “What kind of courage do we need?”

EXPANDING VOCABULARY

COURAGE:

being brave enough to trust
your higher self and act on
that knowledge





Name _____

Big Bad Bully Bus



In the song "Big Bad Bully Bus" the singer teaches us to take the wheel of our own bus. Below, draw a picture of you taking the wheel.

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for the student to draw a picture of themselves taking the wheel of a bus.

I can take the wheel of my own bully bus by

Wisdom Wall



The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

Martin Luther King

When people don't like themselves very much, they have to make up for it. The classic bully was actually a victim first.

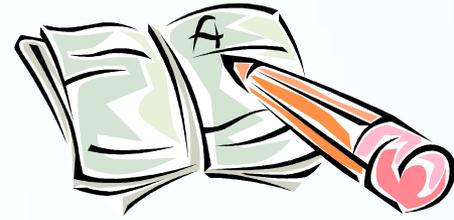
Tom Hiddleston

Radical Questions



- What does it mean to take the wheel of your own bad bully bus?
- What qualities does it take to be kind to someone who it mean to you?
- If someone acts meanly to you and you are not mean back, does this mean you are a weak person?

Paper Pondering



Non-fiction:

The song lists 5 things to do in bully situations. Can make a small handbook for bully victims that tells them what to do using those 5 things and adding your own suggestions.

Fiction :

Write a story that starts on a bus. Someone is being bullied. Write about the situation from 3 points of view,

The Bully: The person who acts meanly

The Victim: The person who is hurt

The Bystander: The person who watches