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## I Am A Story 50 min

### Objective:

Have students understand the uniqueness of their identity

### Big Idea:

School is an opportunity to discover your talents

## 1. Warm Up / Anticipatory 20 min

School is your "drawing board" to help you discover your talents=skills=gifts. Libraries help you in this role of self-discovery.

Every person has a talent and, maybe, you have more than one talent!

In school, you learn different subject areas-discuss:

### Math Skills

- Number Sense. This is the ability to count accurately—first forward
- Spatial sense. "geometry."
- Measurement
- Estimation
- Patterns
- Problem-solving

### Science Skills

- Observation
- Inferring. (Making an educated guess)
- Measuring
- Communicating

### Social Science Skills

- Government

- History
- Representation-voting
- Society

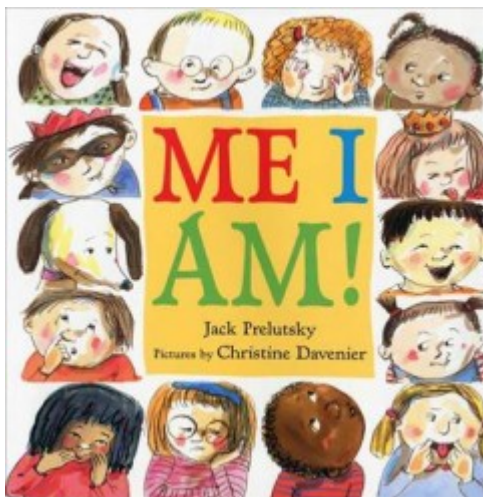
## Language Arts Skills

- Listening
- Reading
- Speaking
- Writing

and more (Art, Music, Sports) - to help you discover YOU!

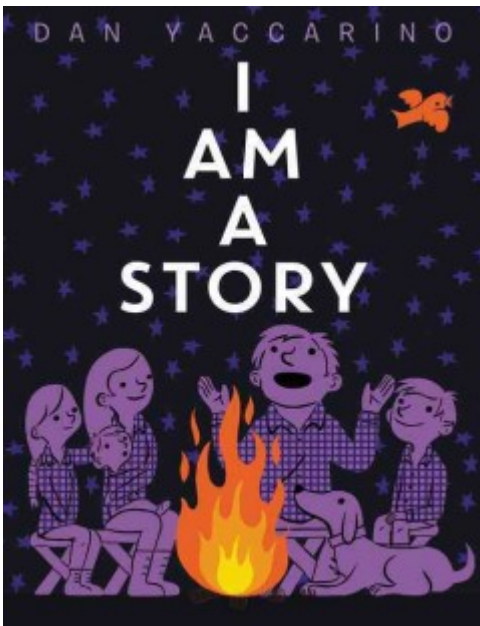
Students read along with poem:

[Me I Am](#) by Jack Prelutsky

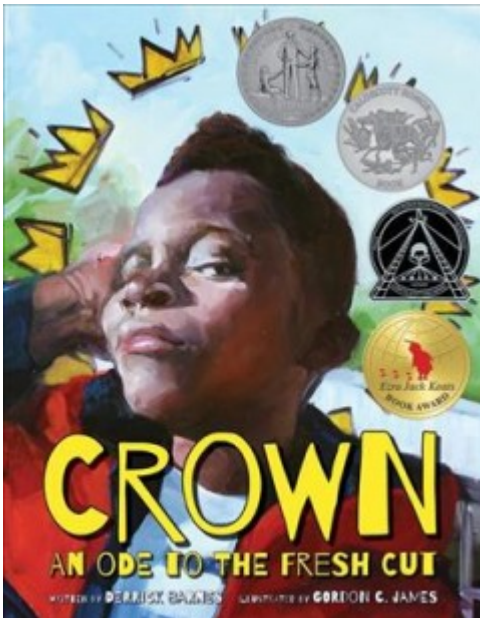


Share:

[I Am A Story](#) by Dan Yaccarino



[Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut](#) by Derrick Barnes and illustrated by Gordon James



## Resources

- John Legend: Child Prodigy <https://youtu.be/onZxd6xAek8>
- Meet an Opera Singer <https://www.facebook.com/KidsMeet/videos/258500124799754/>

## 2. Investigation and New Learning 15 min

[Share a book display featuring talented "famous" people](#) - have students discuss the the skills that these individuals needed to develop and recognize their talents.

Pablo Picasso is quoted as saying: *"The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away."*

What gift/talent did Pablo Picasso give away?

Hand out the display books to students in groups of two or three. Have each group give a mini-report on the featured biographies and have them guess which skills were important for each person to develop while in school.

## Resources

- [http://wg.wonderopolis.org/uploads/users/1209/422/Kanye\\_West\\_quotes\\_Pablo\\_Picasso.jpg](http://wg.wonderopolis.org/uploads/users/1209/422/Kanye_West_quotes_Pablo_Picasso.jpg)
- You've got Talent!  
[https://cml.bibliocommons.com/list/share/841294437\\_lauramcshane/1257134217\\_youve\\_got\\_talent](https://cml.bibliocommons.com/list/share/841294437_lauramcshane/1257134217_youve_got_talent)

## 3. Review & Check for Understanding 30 min

Take the Wonder Word challenge:

<https://www.wonderopolis.org/wonder/are-you-talent...>

### Wonder Words (20)

- TALENTED
- VARIETY
- UNIQUE
- DISCOVERED
- MUSICAL
- ATHLETES
- COMEDIAN
- EXPLORATION
- EXPERIENCES
- COMFORT
- ZONE
- EXPAND
- KNOWLEDGE
- MENTALLY

- PHYSICALLY
- SPIRITUALLY
- FAILURE
- SUCCEED
- CAREER
- HOBBY