



# Smarty Activity

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**APP: *Penelope the Purple Pirate***

**Activity Title: *I'm a Teacher!***  
**Approximate Grade Level(s): 1-3**  
**Subject(s): Language Arts**

## **Student-Friendly Objective:**

- **I will illustrate, write, and audio record a three minute lesson to teach about \_\_\_\_\_ (sea animals, pirates, or colors, or any subject related to this story).**

## **Common Core Standards:**

**Language Arts: Reading Foundation Skills, Writing, Speaking & Listening**

- **Reading**  
**RFS.4**  
**Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.**
- **Writing**

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## **W.2**

**Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure.**

## **W.6**

**With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publishing writing, including in collaboration with peers.**

- **Speaking and Listening**

### **SL.4**

**Describe people, place, things, and events with relevant details, expressing ideas and feelings clearly.**

### **SL.5**

**Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings.**

### **SL.6**

**Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation.**

### **Bloom's Taxonomy:**

- **Remembering: list**
- **Understanding: restate**
- **Applying: show, illustrate, construct**
- **Analyzing: explain**
- **Evaluating: discuss**
- **Creating: compose, design**

### **Pre-Activity Interest:**

- **Help students brainstorm a list of topics that they know a lot about (sea animals, pirates, colors, or any subject related to the story).**

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### **Smarty Activity:**

- **Have students read and interact with *Penelope the Purple Pirate*.**
- **Become familiar with a free app such as *Educreations*, which will allow the each student to illustrate, write, and audio record a three minute presentation.**
- **Guide students to brainstorm everything they know about one of the topics.**
- **Guide students to use a technology app that will illustrate, write, and audio record a three minute presentation.**
- **Have students present their teaching by connecting the iPad to a projector that presents on a large screen.**

### **Assessment:**

- **Assessment or grading is an individual choice; however, keep your Common Core Standards in mind while creating your assessment.**
- **Create the assessment prior to giving the students the activity. Share it with the students before they begin the activity so that they will know “up front” how they will be assessed.**
- **Use your favorite search engine to locate assessment rubrics. One of my personal favorites is [rubrics4teachers.com](http://rubrics4teachers.com).**

### **Required Materials and Equipment:**

- ***Penelope the Purple Pirate* app.**

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- iPad
- Technology app such as *Educreations*.
- Projector/Screen

**Technology Note: The technological references stated in this activity are not exclusively required, but are indicative of your possible choices.**

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