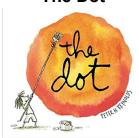
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The Dot



Vocabulary Possibilities: mark, felt-tipped, jab, surprised, watercolors, experimenting		
Page	Question	
Pg. 1-2	 What do you think it means that Vashti was glued to the chair? How do you think Vashti is feeling in this picture? 	
Pg. 3-4	 For what reason do you think Vashti's paper is blank? Have you ever had a time when you felt frustrated? Like you couldn't do something? Tell us about it. 	
Pg. 5-6	 What do you think about Vashti's "good, strong jab?" Do you think Vashti is feeling better or still feeling frustrated? What else do you notice about this picture? What colors surround Vashti? What do you notice about Vashti's body? face? 	
Pg. 7-8	 For what reason do you think Vashti's teacher asked her to sign her name? How do you think the teacher is going to react to Vashti's paper? 	
Pg. 9-10	Vashti says she can't draw but she can sign her name. Can you think of something YOU can do? What is one thing you can't do YET?	
Pg. 11-12	 Aside from feeling surprised, how do you think Vashti felt when she saw her picture framed? For what reason do you think Vashti's teacher framed her artwork? Tell me about a time when you felt proud of the work you created. What did you do with it? Who did you tell about it? 	
Pg. 13-14	 How do you think Vashti is feeling now? What is your favorite tool to use to make art? Paint, pens, markers? 	
Pg. 15-16	 What do you notice about Vashti's body now? Her face? How do you think Vashti is feeling in these pictures? If you could paint a dot with any color, what would it be? What would it look like? 	
Pg. 17-18	 Describe the dots you see in Vashti's artwork. What is changing about them? What is making Vashti try something new? How does she feel about trying to create new dots? 	
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Pg. 19-20	 What does it mean to "make a splash?" Can you tell me about a time when you "made a splash"? How do Vashti's dots look at the art show? How would you describe them? How is Vashti feeling about her artwork now? Does she still think she "can't draw" still?
Pg. 21-22	 What do you notice about the little boy? How does he feel about making his own art? What would you say to encourage the little boy to try something new in creating art?
Pg. 23-24	 For what reasons did Vashti ask the boy to draw a picture for her? What do you think the little boy is feeling about drawing his line?
Pg. 25-26	 Who does Vashti remind you of here? What other character in the story? What do you think about art? Can a dot be art? How about a squiggle?
Pg. 27-28	 For what reason does Vashti ask the little boy to sign his work? What do you think happened after the boy signed his art?