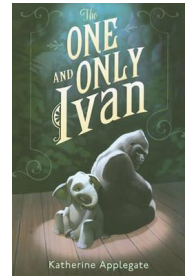




NOVEMBER 17-23

1. Review the vocabulary words.
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MONDAY - CHAPTERS 1-8

Vocabulary:

- majestic: distinguished and grand
- domain: territory
- unkempt: untidy, messy

Comprehension:

- What is Ivan's "domain," and how does he feel about it?
- Why do you think the author chose to tell the story from Ivan's point of view?

TUESDAY - CHAPTERS 9-17

Vocabulary:

- ponder: think about
- lush: full of healthy plants, jungly
- wily: shrewd, clever, sharp

Comprehension:

- What do we learn about Stella in these chapters? How is she different from Ivan?
- Who is Bob, and what is his relationship with Ivan?

WEDNESDAY - CHAPTERS 18-23

Vocabulary:

- undaunted: unafraid and fearless
- cunning: crafty and devious
- elegant: graceful and stylish

Comprehension:

- Why does Ivan like to draw, and what does he use to make his pictures?
- Use your context clues on page 41. Why does Ivan say the children have pathetic chests?

THURSDAY - CHAPTERS 24-34

Vocabulary:

- linger: wait around; dawdle
- coax: persuade
- entwined: weaved; interwoven

Comprehension:

- Why does Stella say that she hopes their new friend is not a baby elephant?
- What do we learn about Stella's past, and how does it help us understand why she cares so much about Ruby?

FRIDAY - CATCH UP DAY!

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QUICK WRITE

Ivan, Stella, and Bob form a special bond.

Write about a time you had an unexpected friendship.

What made it meaningful?

ART PROJECT

Ivan's domain is nothing special. Design Ivan's dream domain. You can draw it, paint it, or even create a 3D design in a shoe box! Be creative!

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

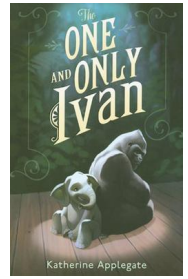
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- Grissom Library, 366 DeShazor Drive
- Main Street Library, 110 Main Street
- Pearl Bailey Library, 2510 Wickham Avenue



NOVEMBER 24-30

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MONDAY - CHAPTERS 35-42

Vocabulary:

- indifferent: uninterested
- nimbly: quickly and with grace and skill
- magnificent: beautiful and grand

Comprehension:

- What clue tells you that Stella is George's favorite animal?
- Why doesn't Ivan want to ruin Ruby's joke?

TUESDAY - CHAPTERS 43-51

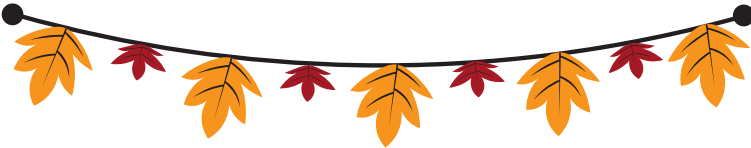
Vocabulary:

- addled: muddled and confused
- mesmerized: enthralled
- contemplating: thinking

Comprehension:

- How does Ivan begin seeing his life differently after spending time with Ruby?
- What does Stella ask Ivan to promise her, and why is it so important to her?

WEDNESDAY - THANKSGIVING BREAK



THURSDAY - THANKSGIVING BREAK

Happy
THANKSGIVING

FRIDAY - CATCH UP DAY!

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QUICK WRITE

Letter from Ivan

Write a letter from Ivan to a human about how he feels living in the mall. Make sure you write it in a friendly letter format.

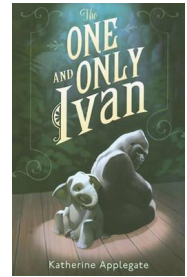
ART PROJECT

Julia has a water bottle and you get to design the stickers to put on it. Draw the stickers and tell why you chose them. Make sure they represent what you know about Julia and what she likes.



DECEMBER 1-7

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MONDAY - CHAPTERS 52-59

Vocabulary:

- droop: to bend or hang low
- shrouded: covered and hidden
- deliberately: on purpose

Comprehension:

- What challenges do you predict Ivan will face as he tries to keep his promise to Stella?
- Why do we know now that Ivan's stuffed animal is named Not-Tag?

TUESDAY - CHAPTERS 60-68

Vocabulary:

- frantic: panicked
- thrilled: happy and excited
- sullen: sulky and glum

Comprehension:

- Close your eyes and describe what you think the Big Top Mall and Video Arcade looked like when it first opened.
- A year is 365 days. How many years are 9,876 days? (You can use a calculator.)

WEDNESDAY - CHAPTERS 69-77

Vocabulary:

- trudges: walks slowly and heavily
- scornful: mocking and contemptuous
- boulder: a very large rock or stone

Comprehension:

- Why did Mack bring out the claw stick? What does this say about his character?
- Why does Ivan explain to Ruby what a zoo is? What is Ivan thinking?

THURSDAY - CHAPTERS 78-85

Vocabulary:

- ragged: old and torn
- beckons: attract the attention
- temperamental: moody

Comprehension:

- Why is Ivan always tired during the day now?
- How much did one of Ivan's paintings sell for?
- Is Bob excited about Ivan's paintings? How do you know?

FRIDAY - CATCH UP DAY!

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QUICK WRITE

Stella dreams of the zoo where she will be free and treated well.

Describe your dream place. What does it look, sound, smell, and feel like? What things can you do there? Why is it so special?

ART PROJECT

Create a collage of images and colors representing themes like friendship, freedom, or hope. You can use magazines, construction paper, glue, paper, and more!

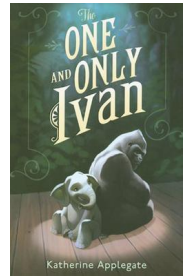
COMMUNITY CONNECTION

What animals can you find on the Noland Trail? Start at The Mariners' Museum
(100 Museum Drive Newport News, VA 23606)
and enjoy your hike through this award winning path right in our backyard!
*Free



DECEMBER 8-14

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MONDAY - CHAPTERS 86-94

Vocabulary:

- towering: high; tall
- dismay: distress
- incompetent: unskillful

Comprehension:

- How much more money are Ivan's paintings selling for now?
- Why is Ivan using Not-Tag differently? How will this help his secret project?

TUESDAY - CHAPTERS 95-103

Vocabulary:

- assemble: put together
- suspiciously: with distrust
- demands: asks in a strong tone

Comprehension:

- What caused Ivan to become angry and beat his chest?
- Why is the Big Top Mall and Video Arcade popular again? How did Julia and her dad help?

WEDNESDAY - CHAPTERS 104-112

Vocabulary:

- shudder: tremble
- scowling: frowning and glaring
- patient: to wait calmly

Comprehension:

- Why is it important that the news camera saw the claw stick?
- What was the effect of seeing the claw stick on the news?

THURSDAY - CHAPTERS 113-120

Vocabulary:

- retreats: withdraws
- victorious: triumphant; winning
- fondly: lovingly

Comprehension:

- Why did they bring a bunch of boxes while Ivan was sleeping?
- How is Mack feeling? Do you think Mack would do things differently if he had the chance?

FRIDAY - CATCH UP DAY!

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QUICK WRITE

Choose a character.

Write a diary entry or short story from that character's point of view.

Include:

- what they see, hear, and feel,
- their thoughts about the other characters, and
- their hopes, dreams, or fears.

Extension: Illustrate one moment from the diary entry.

ART PROJECT

You have met many characters in this novel. Create paper bag puppets of your favorites and put on a puppet show for your family or friends!

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Check out the artwork and all things happening at the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center.

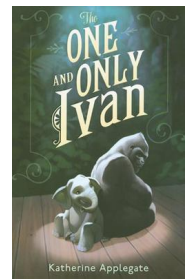
(2410 Wickham Avenue, Newport News, Virginia 23607)

*A calendar of events is listed on their website.



DECEMBER 15-21

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MONDAY- CHAPTERS 121-129

Vocabulary:

- lumber: trudge; plod
- weary: tired and worn out
- grumbling: low rumbling sound

Comprehension:

- Describe Ivan and Bob's relationship? How do you think they feel?
- What do you think Ivan is watching? Why would they show him videos of gorillas?

TUESDAY - CHAPTERS 130-138

Vocabulary:

- placid: peaceful and calm
- spry: agile and full of energy
- fascinated: strongly attracted; interested

Comprehension:

- Why did Ivan get to watch the other gorillas before meeting them?
- What does Ivan think of that makes him decide he is ready to go through the door?

WEDNESDAY - CHAPTERS 139-147

Vocabulary:

- juvenile: young
- brittle: breakable
- ambles: moving at slow pace

Comprehension:

- What sounds did Ivan hear? Why do you think the zookeeper plays that video clip?
- What does Kinyani do that makes Ivan think about his sister?

THURSDAY - CHAPTERS 148-END

Vocabulary:

- savoring: treasuring
- drowsy: sleepy and lethargic
- delicate: fine and dainty

Comprehension:

- Name three things that bring Ivan joy at the end of the story.
- Did Ivan keep his promise to Stella?
- How do you feel about animals that live in cages?

FRIDAY - CATCH UP DAY!

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QUICK WRITE

Imagine the story continues after the last chapter.

Write a short story or journal entry about what Ruby does in the future.

- Include:
 1. Where she lives and who she interacts with.
 2. How she feels now that she has more freedom.
 3. What adventures or challenges she might face.

ART PROJECT

Make a comic book strip about your favorite part in the book. Be sure to add dialogue (speech bubbles) and captions.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

There is nothing better than fresh air! At the end of the story, Ivan can see Ruby from his exhibit. Head over to Fort Fun and climb on the playground and see what you can see!

(361 Hornet Circle, Newport News, Virginia 23607)

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