

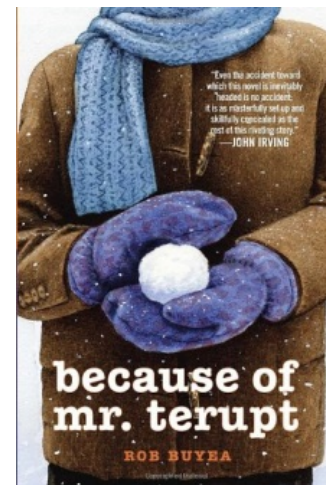


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Because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyea

Recommended for grades 4 to 6

Summary: Mr. Terupt is a fifth grade school teacher at Snow Hill School. He seems to be the only one who can keep his students in line despite their different personalities and situations. *Because of Mr. Terupt* is narrated from seven different perspectives, there's Jessica, the new girl who's smart and perceptive but is having trouble fitting in, Alexia, a bully who will be your friend one second and your enemy the next, Peter, the class clown, Luke, the brain, Danielle, who never stands up for herself, and Anna, whose home situation makes her an outcast. Unfortunately, on a snowy winter day, something happens which flips the children's world upside down.



Discussion Questions:

1. Which character do you think you're most like? Why?
2. Whose fault do you think the snowball incident was?
3. Do we need to know whose fault the snowball incident was? Why or why not?
4. The children ended up closer to each other than they were at the start of the book. What was the most efficient technique Mr. Terupt used to bring them together?
5. Have you ever met an adult like Mr. Terupt? If so, how were they similar to him?
6. Why do you think it's important to work together with other students or with adults?

Further Resources:

About the author: <https://dar.to/2O4oMPD>

How to win a snowball fight: <https://dar.to/2D29ODz>

Activities

1. *Because of Mr. Terupt* is told from many different perspectives. Write a page from your favorite character's perspective.
2. Draw your ideal teacher. Make a list of the different characteristics you think they should have on the back of your paper.