



Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge

Third Reading: Analysis

For the Third Reading, read the book all the way through. Share the reading responsibilities with the listener any way you wish, such as: alternate reading pages, or have the child retell the story.

DISCUSSION OPTIONS:

The questions focus on the story's theme, main idea, and characters.

- What is this story about?
- Friendship is a possible theme in this story. Wilfrid Gordon and Miss Nancy are friends. What makes people friends with each other? What makes Wilfrid Gordon and Miss Nancy good friends?
- Wilfrid Gordon's friends in the old people's home said that a memory is: warm, from long ago, makes you cry, makes you laugh, and is as precious as gold. Which answer is the one you like the best?

ACTIVITY OPTIONS:

- Create a memory book. Ask several adults, "What is a memory?" Write the answers as Mem Fox did: "Something _____, my child, something _____." Illustrate the answers you receive. Then, check out: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S1mehdcxjgU>, "What Makes a Memory?". A first grade class answers the question: What is a memory? Do any of their answers match the answers you collected?
- When the characters are introduced in the text, Ms Fox tells us one special thing about each character. Make a list of your friends. Share one special thing about each of your friends that you think is important. Write these special things in your journal. Illustrate.