

Like That Eleanor Reader's Guide

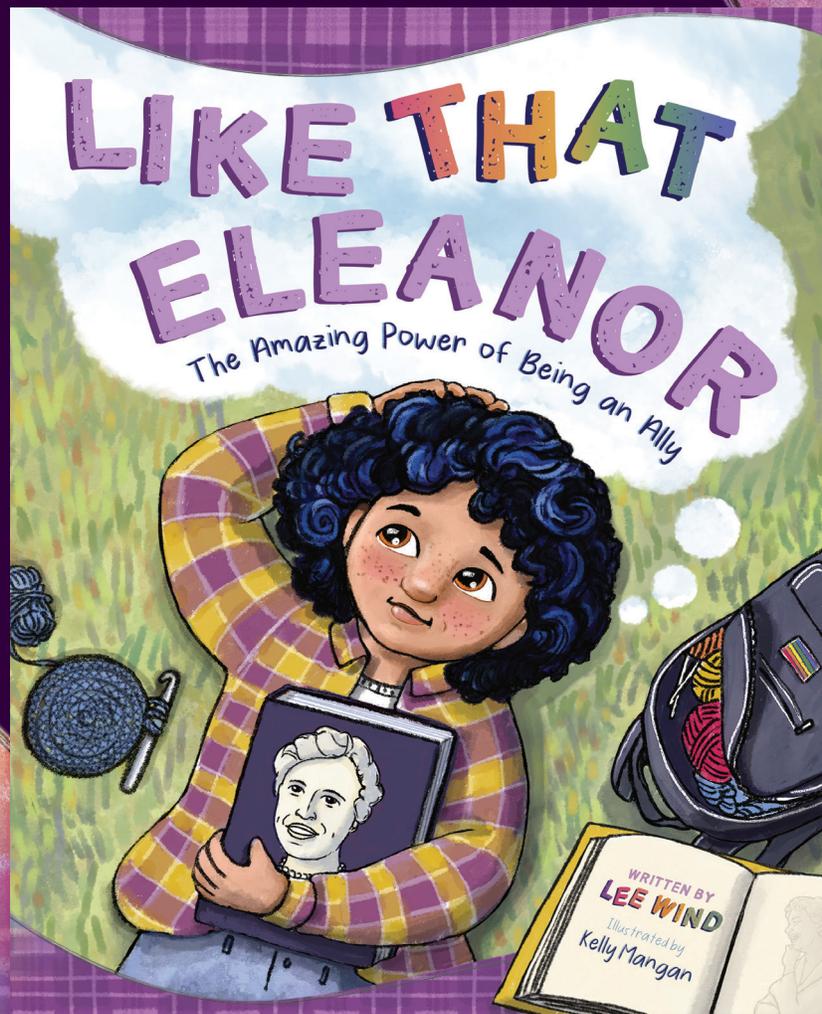


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Comprehension Questions

BEFORE READING:

- Read aloud the title...Ask your child if they've heard of Eleanor Roosevelt. Do not worry if you or they have not.
- Read aloud the subtitle.
- Ask your child if they know what it means to be an ally. (We'll circle back to this idea after reading the book)
- Share something unfair (and age-appropriate) that you saw happen to someone else, and if someone tried to help make it more fair, or not.
- Check if your child has noticed something unfair recently. Discuss whether someone tried to make it more fair.

DURING READING:

- In the book, Eleanor is inspired by Eleanor Roosevelt. Share with your child someone from history who inspires you. (What did they do, and how did it change what you do?)
- Ask your child who inspires them. (What did they do, and how might it change what they do?)
- Many of the unfair things that Eleanor sees are about gender. Share if there's something you would like to do or try that maybe some people say is not okay because of your gender.
- Ask your child if there's something they would like to do or try that some people might say is not okay because of their gender.

AFTER READING:

- Discuss with your child whether, after reading the book, they (and/or you) have a different idea about what it means to be an ally.
- When you're in a public space together (school, gym, library), note if there's a nonbinary option for facilities like bathrooms and locker rooms.
- Talk about gendered award categories (like the Oscars) and discuss whether there might be other ways to acknowledge excellence that are inclusive of all genders.
- Discuss whether sports, many of which are organized by gender, could be organized in another way.
- Look for ways you can model being an ally in front of your child.
- If safe and appropriate, look for ways you can be an ally with your child.

Comic Strip Recreation

Directions: Redraw the elements of the story in this comic strip, showing Eleanor's journey to becoming an ally!

The comic strip template consists of four panels arranged in three rows. The top row contains two panels of equal size. The middle row contains a single large panel with a diagonal line running from the top-left corner to the bottom-right corner. The bottom row contains a single large panel.

What Happens Next?

Directions: In these spaces, draw a continuation of the story with a sentence to accompany each scene you draw. How else does Eleanor help include everyone? How is Star feeling now? What about the other characters?





Feelings Journal

Directions: Use this journal to start tracking your feelings throughout the day. Notice how you are feeling and why, and think about how others might be feeling at the same time (and if it's different from how you feel).

Today I Feel...



Happy



Sad



Angry



Surprised

Because...

Create Your Ally Poster

Directions: Like Eleanor, an ally sees, asks, listens, helps, speaks, gathers, and is a friend. In what ways do you practice being an ally in your life?



An Ally Sees



An Ally asks



An Ally listens



An Ally helps



An Ally gathers



An Ally speaks with

An Ally is a friend



Feelings Map

Directions: Write a sentence describing how Eleanor feels at different points in the story.



How is Eleanor Feeling?

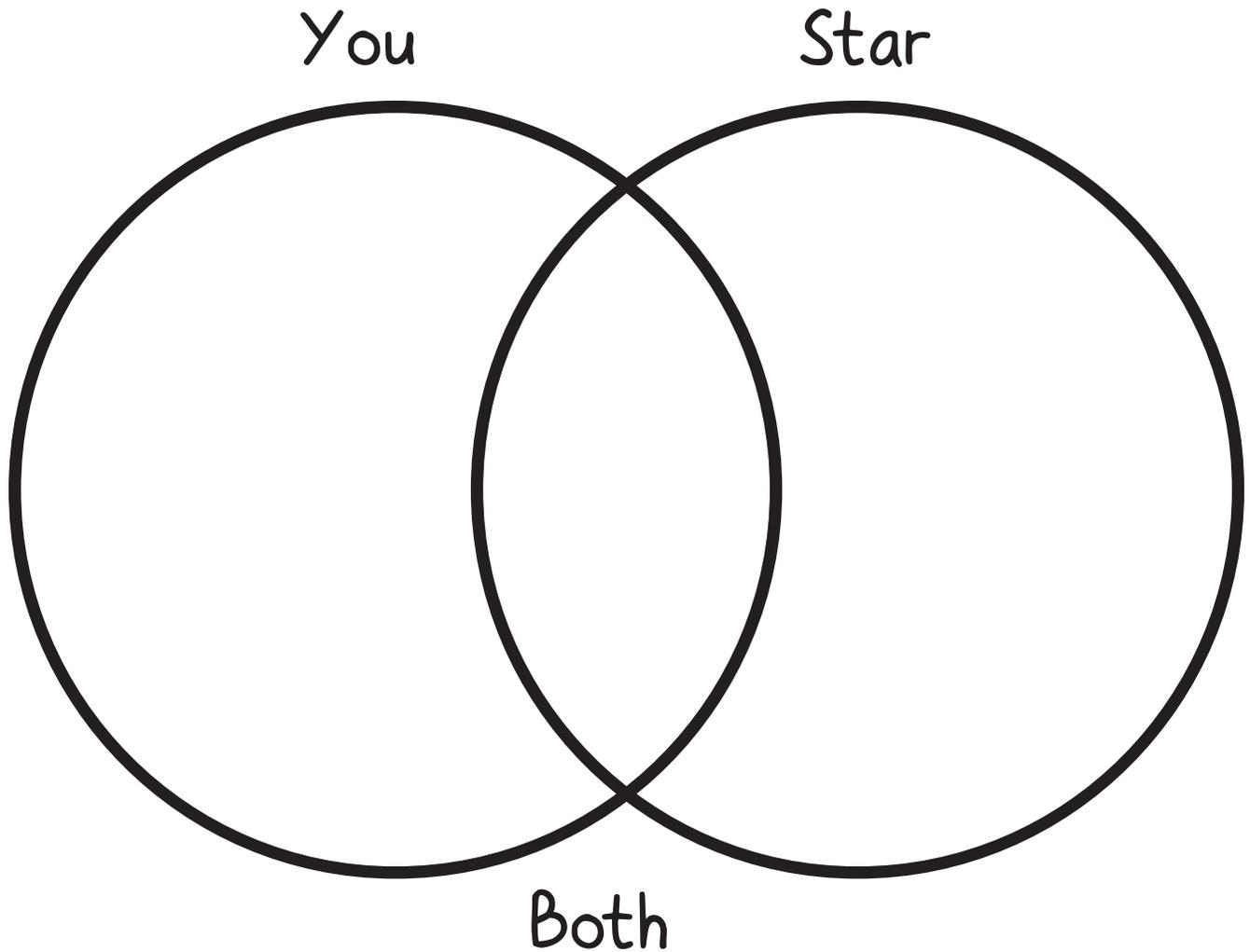
How is Eleanor Feeling?



How is Eleanor Feeling?

Venn Diagram Comparsion

Directions: Have you noticed similarities or differences between you and Star?
In the Venn Diagram, write things that are different in the outer circle and
similarities in the middle.



ally Action Plan

Directions: On the spaces below write how you will be like Eleanor by being an ally!

At home, I can help others by

At school, I can help others by

When I see someone being left out,

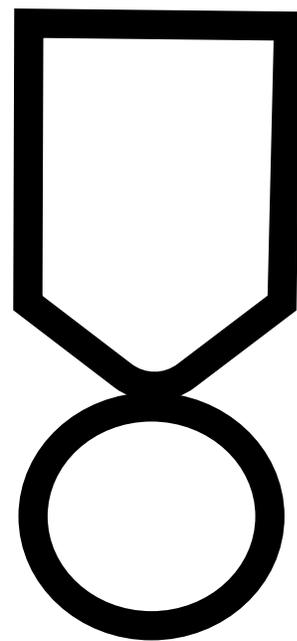
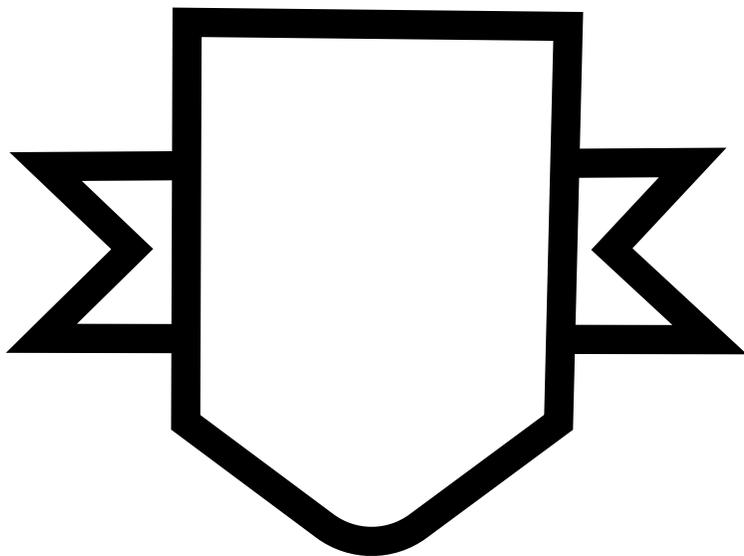
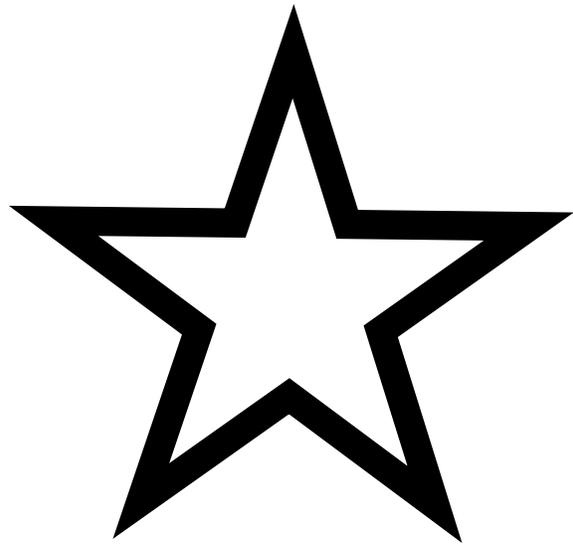
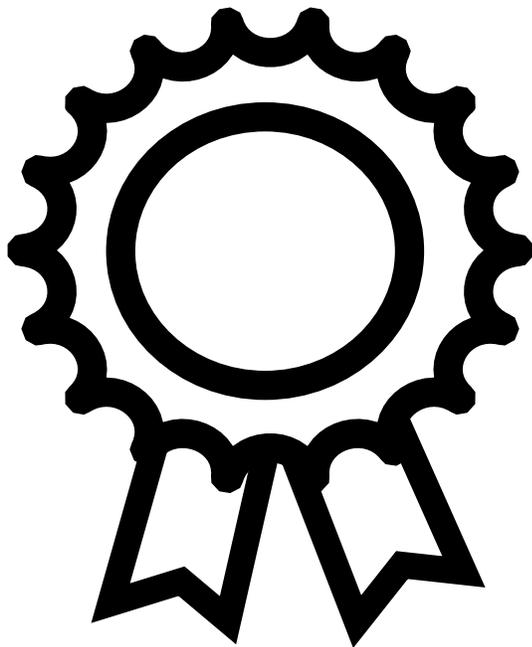
I will

If I see someone being unfair to

others, I will

Character awards

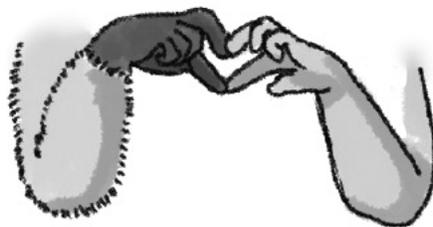
Directions: Design these awards based on characters from the story, to give away to others who you feel are doing a good job at being inclusive allies!
[Could include badges for things like "Very Brave", "Great Ally", "Super Kind", "Really Thoughtful", etc.]



Ally Pledge



Today, I pledge to be an ally to all!
To help everyone feel happy,
healthy, and safe I will stand up
for what is right and make sure no
one is left out!



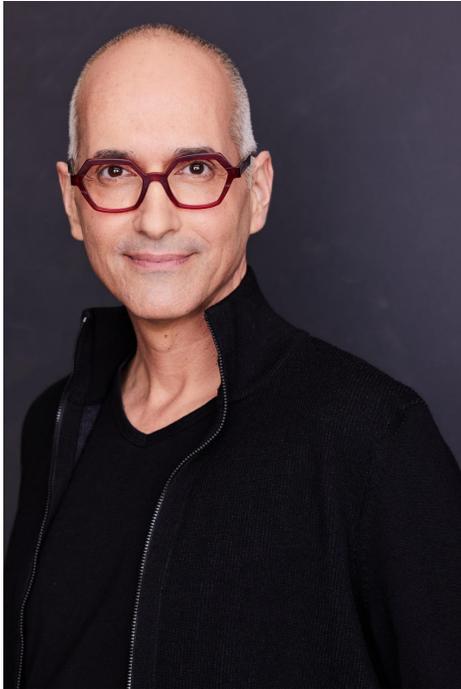
Sign Here: _____

Color a Scene

Directions: Color the scene where everyone sits together!



about the author and illustrator



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