

Teacher's Guide

Wanda's Humpback Hula Show

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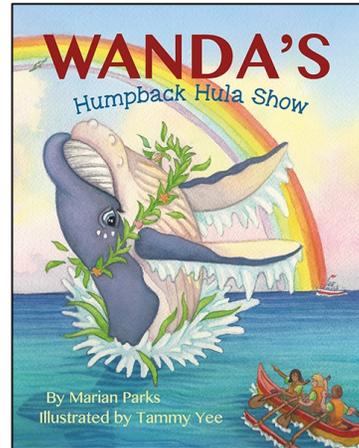
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Related Themes:

Migration | Whales | New Baby



Summary

When Wanda's new baby brother arrives, she feels left out and miserable . . . until she cleverly hulas her way to humpback fame. Wanda delights in her newfound stardom, but one day a careless mistake ruins everything. It will take an apology to fix this mess!

Prior to Reading

- Tell students that the story is about a whale. Ask students if they've ever seen a whale in the ocean, and if so, to share their memories.
- Show the map on pages 2-3, to familiarize students with the story location. Share the migration route of the Northern Pacific Humpback Whale, and inform children that the U.S. government protects the Humpback breeding bays surrounding the islands.
- Directed Listening: When Wanda's baby brother is born, she feels unwanted. What does Wanda do to get the attention she's missing from her mother?

Discussion Questions

RL.2.1 Why did Wanda start her hula show?

(She liked the attention she got from the tourists.)

RL.2.3 How did Wanda respond when her fans became angry with her for being careless? What would you have done?

(She felt heartbroken and retreated with her mother.)

RL.2.5 Describe how the story began and ended.

(It began with Wanda excited to migrate to Hawaii, and it ended when she was eager to return to the Artic waters.)

RL.2.2 What is the story's message?

(When we make a mistake, we need to apologize.)

Topics for the Reading Journal

W.2.3 Wanda is careless and causes an accident. Describe a time when you made a mistake. How did you feel? What did you do?

W.2.3 Wanda loves both her homes: Artic waters and Hawaii. Describe your home. Include details about what makes it special.

W.2.3 Imagine that you're going to Hawaii in winter. Describe what you would like to see and do. Will you be a tourist looking for a whale?

Writing Opinion Topic

W.2.1 Humpback whales migrate to the breeding bays of Hawaii to give birth. Do you think these waters should be protected? What might happen if people could go wherever they wanted? Support your opinion with specific reasons why these bays should or shouldn't be protected.

Story Extensions

- Use watercolors to create a scene from the story.
- Write letters to Save the Whale organizations.
- Listen to male whales "singing."