

The Odd Duck by Cecil Castellucci Discussion Guide

Characters

- Theodora – an odd duck
- Chad – Theodora’s new neighbor, also an odd duck
- Gabe – the grocer
- Velma – the cashier
- Max – the librarian

Opener Questions

- Would you rather eat lemon mayo or mango salsa on your food?
- Which duck do you have more in common with (Theodora or Chad)? Why?

Discussion Questions

- What details did you notice about Theodora’s errands that tell us she might be different? Chap. 1
- Why do you think Theodora liked to be alone? Chap. 1
- Would you like to have a neighbor like Chad? Chap. 1
- Why does Theodora know that she and Chad would not be friends? Chap. 2
- Do you think that Chad felt the same way as Theodora about not being friends? Chap. 2
- Have you ever looked at stars through a telescope? Would you like to? Chap. 4
- What made Theodora change her mind about Chad? Chap. 4
- Do you have a best friend who is very different from you? What is something you feel the same about or have in common? Chap. 5
- Which duck do you think Velma meant when she said, “Look at that odd duck!”? Why do you think so? Chap. 5
- Why does Theodora say that she was doing Chad a favor by being his friend? Was that true? How do you think she was feeling? Chap. 6
- Should Theodora and Chad try to be more normal? Why or why not? Chap. 6
- Do the ducks in this book act and look like real ducks? What are they doing that real animals wouldn’t do?

The Glorkian Warrior by James Kochalka Discussion Guide

Characters

- Glorkian Warrior
- Super Backpack
- Gonk
- Baby Alien
- Magic Robot

Opener Questions

- What is your favorite kind of pizza?

Discussion Questions

- What's an awesome adventure that you've had?
- If you had a super backpack, what powers would it have?
- Do you think the Glorkian Warrior is smart? How would you describe this character?
- Sometimes the words appear bigger or with a line or squiggle underneath. How does this sound when you read it?
- Do you think Gonk is a good addition to the team? Why?
- What do you think the alien spaceship was trying to do?
- Can you find a page that shows sound effects (not in a word bubble)? If you took those effects away how would it change the story?
- Who did you think ordered the pizza in the beginning of the story?
- How much time passes in the story? What kind of details could the author/illustrator include to show us?
- What was your favorite page or illustration? Why?