

ADHD: Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key (Novel)

Est. Time: 2 Weeks Reading/45 Minutes Class

Objective

Gain a better understanding of ADHD and its impact on a student's behavior.

Synopsis

No matter how hard he tries, Joey Pigza simply cannot seem to stay out of trouble. From swallowing his house key to injuring a classmate, Joey creates many problems for his teachers and family, who are at their wits' end. Written from Joey's point of view, this book offers readers a glimpse of what it is like to have attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

Activity

Read the following book and be prepared to discuss the questions below in class.

Title: *Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key* (1998)

Author: Jack Gantos

Publisher: Harper Trophy • New York

For Your Information

To learn more about ADHD, visit reputable Websites, such as:

- [Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder \(AD/HD\)](#) (Center for Parent Information & Resources)
- [What Is ADHD?](#) (Understood)
- [Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder](#) (National Institute of Mental Health)

Questions/Discussion Topics

1. How did Joey injure his finger?
2. What characteristics does Joey share with his grandmother and dad?
3. What happened in the "scissors incident" and what was the consequence?
4. What good thing happens to Joey at Lancaster County Special Education Center?
5. Having seen things from Joey's point of view, do you now have a different perspective on students with ADHD? If so, explain?