



ADHD: Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key (Book) Est. Time: 2 Weeks Reading/45 Minutes Class Time

Synopsis

Joey Pigza is quite the handful. No matter how hard he tries, he 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 ADD/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

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 kids with ADD/ADHD? If so, in what ways?