

Digital Book Club Kit

I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark by Debbie Levy

Book Length: 38 pages, 30 minute audiobook

A book club is a great way to extend the magic of a book! The team behind the Learning Ally Audiobook Solution has put together a DIY book club kit so as a classroom or a family, you can continue to make reading fun while children are learning from home.

1. Decide how and when you want to meet

In our digital world, your options for how to meet are endless! If you would like to meet in real time, Zoom or Google Hangouts can be used to discuss your reading. If it's easier for children to think about what they've read on their own time, you could use a free survey tool like Survey Monkey or Wufoo to poll children on their thoughts. Social media tools like Facebook are also a great place to host your club if you would like to invite friends or neighbors to join in on the fun!

2. Meet to pre-read the book, do a picture walk, and make predictions (optional)

3. Read the book!

Ask children to read *I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark* independently, as a family or group.

4. Meet again to discuss the questions below

We've started you out with a few questions and an idea for a fun activity, but don't hesitate to make it your own!

Pre-Meeting Activity:

The best thing about a book club is connecting over a great book, but the second best part is the snacks! In the book, we learn that Ruth's husband is a master of French cooking - encourage children to bring a French snack that Mr. Ginsburg might make, like a pastry, or cheese and crackers! If you are meeting asynchronously, take pictures of your snack to share with your fellow readers.

Discussion Questions/Activities:

Depending on the age of the children and the format of your book club, you could ask children to speak their answers aloud, write them down, or draw their response.

- What words would you use to describe Ruth Bader Ginsburg?
- What things did Ruth's family do to help her to become successful?
- What surprised you about the book?
- Think about Ruth and her friend Antonin Scalia - what happens when they disagree? What happens when you disagree with one of your friends?
- Can you remember something that Ruth worked to change? If you were Ruth, what unfair thing would you fight to change?
- Ruth wears a special collar when she disagrees with a decision that the Supreme Court makes. Using materials you have at home, design your own "Dissent collar." You could draw or paint your idea on paper, or you could make a real one out of beads and string!