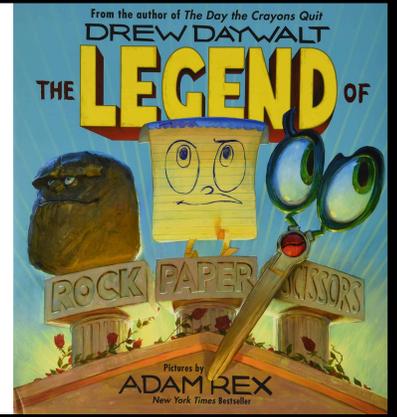


The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors

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Before Reading: Get Ready

Review the book covers with your student to confirm interest in reading the book. Share the title. Talk about the cover. Explain that this is a very silly story, and the words are written in different ways to help you know how to use your voice to sound like the characters.

Activate comprehension and set a purpose for reading. This book uses speech bubbles for dialogue, with many fonts and special lettering to draw students into reading. In *The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors*, the mighty warriors Rock, Paper, and Scissors battle different household items to find worthy opponents. Ask your student if they have ever played Rock, Paper, Scissors to help make a decision about who goes first in a game. If they haven't, explain that rock breaks scissors (wins), scissors cut paper (wins), and paper covers rock (wins). Play a quick round to decide who will open the book to begin reading.

Introduce important vocabulary and ask your student to make connections before and during reading.

- **victory:** to win
- **predict:** to make a good guess based on what you know about the story, and your experiences.

During Reading: Read Together

Sit side-by-side to share the book. Follow the conversation prompts and invite your student to ask questions or comments connected to the text to ensure their comprehension. Call attention to the different fonts used to represent each character. Encourage your student to read the book with you!

- **After reading p. 4:** Rock challenged Clothespin to a battle! Who do you predict will win, and why? (after reading p. 6, ask your student to check their prediction: Were they right? Why or why not?)
- **After reading p. 10:** Rock challenged Apricot to a battle! Who do you predict will win, and why? (after reading p. 6, ask your student to check their prediction: Were they right? Why or why not?)
- **After reading p. 12:** What do you notice about the words on the pages? When the characters talk, it's in a speech bubble. When I see words in all uppercase letters, that tells me to use a BIG VOICE to read. Can you help me reread Rock's speech bubble in your best ROCK voice? Let's touch the words as we read them!

- **After reading p. 16:** Have you ever seen a sheet of paper that has been jammed in a printer? That's what this page looks like!
- **After reading p. 26:** Uh-oh! It sounds like Scissors is going to battle dino-nuggets. Who do you predict will win, and why? (after reading p. 30, ask your student to check their prediction: Were they right? Why or why not?)
- **After reading p. 36:** Rock beat Scissors, but he wishes for a warrior who can beat him. What do you predict will happen next, and why? (after reading p. 40, ask your student to check their prediction: Were they right? Why or why not?)
- **After finishing the book:** In the story, Rock, Paper, and Scissors battled until they met their matches. The Are there details on the last pages that helped you think that way?

After Reading: Discuss and Extend

After reading, briefly discuss the text and revisit vocabulary words to ensure your student understands the text. Extend the conversation with drawing and writing to give your student multiple opportunities to show understanding.

I hope you enjoyed our book today and will read other books by Drew Daywalt!

- **Let's talk and draw to respond to this story. You can write too if you like!** (Choose a prompt for student response and copy the selected frame into your student's notebook.)
 - My favorite part of the story was _____ because _____.
 - When I write with _____ letters, I want my words to be read in a _____ way .
 - My favorite character is _____ because _____.
 - Another funny opponent for Paper (Rock/Scissors) would be _____ because _____.
 - When I play Rock, Paper, Scissors, I like to use (choose which motion)_ because _____.

Read other books by Drew Daywalt such as *The Day the Crayons Quit*, *The Day the Crayons Made Friends*, and *The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors*. For other books by Adam Rex, check out *Nothing Rhymes with Orange* and *On Account of the Gum*.