

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

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❖ Why do kids need books?

“Why Do Kids Need Books?” *The National Children's Book and Literacy*

Alliance, <https://thencbla.org/advocacy/why-do-kids-need-books/>.

Accessed 24 January 2023.

- I selected this source because it shows the significance of children's books and the impact on kids' lives. The impact is much greater than what we imagine. Making a children's book introduces kids to the world of art and literature and through that they can start to find out who they are. Through this source I now take writing more seriously. The effects of Children's books are industrial (huge) and I seek to educate the youth on finding themselves. Even Though they are young I think that if I educate myself on the effects of illustration books it will strongly shine through in my book. This book can help kids but also parents on helping a child find his or her kids identity and help parents to tend to the child's needs.

❖ Affects of colors on the Child's Psychology

“Affects of Colors on a Child's Psychology.” *girls boarding schools in*

Dehradun, 25 April 2020,

<https://www.ecoleglobale.com/blog/how-color-affects-your-child/>.

Accessed 24 January 2023.

□ I selected this source because I thought this would be very helpful to look up since I know that it's very hard to keep children's attention span. With the knowledge of knowing what colors appeal to kids it would help my children's book attract the kids attention. This will help me to grab the reader's attention but keep the kids excited to turn to the next page to see the beautiful illustrations and colors. At first I wanted to make this book black and white but now seeing that my audience is kids it wouldn't make sense because I feel as though it would not be as enjoyable.

❖ Here's Why Your Kid Is *So* In Love With Dr. Seuss Books

Schmidt, Ellen. "Why Do Kids Love Dr. Seuss So Much? His Stories Have Staying Power." *Romper*, 23 May 2019, <https://www.romper.com/p/why-do-kids-love-dr-seuss-so-much-his-stories-have-staying-power-17911873>. Accessed 24 January 2023.

□ I selected this source because I wanted to know how and why Dr. Seuss is so successful. Of course I know he has impeccable rhythm within his writing that is so appealing to kids. I took this similar style and was looking to incorporate it into my writing. I noticed that this particular writing style is extremely important because there is some sort of repetitive theme throughout the story. This would cause kids to always remember the theme and catch on to the overall message of the story.

❖ Writer

"Writer | Explore careers." *National Careers Service*, <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/writer>. Accessed 24 January 2023.

□ I selected this source because I feel as though it's important to know what it takes to be a good writer. Even Though this is my first ever book I need to know what this process entails at the end. I feel like it's important to have great communication skills and build on writing. Some might say to make a children's book you do not need special skills but I beg to differ. I think to make any book you need to work on all skills to make sure the effort and determination that is put into the book is shown through the art work and creation.

❖ Seeing a world through a child's eyes

“Seeing the world with a child's eyes.” *Times Union*, 26 December 2010, <https://www.timesunion.com/business/article/Seeing-the-world-with-a-child-s-eyes-920764.php>. Accessed 24 January 2023.

□ I selected this source because I find it necessary to observe the world through a child's eyes. In this article it states, “ They see everything with fresh eyes, knowing they will find something new and different every time they look.” I think it's important because children try to make sense of the world the best they can. Knowing this, making a children's book will be easier knowing that everything is new to them and they are there to observe and learn also while enjoying the book. Making this book relatable is important because kids need to know that they are not alone. It's okay to question your surroundings and take the world one step at a time.

❖ Understanding the world through a child's eyes

Langston, Ann. “Understanding the World (UW).” *Early Years Matters*, <https://www.earlyyearsmatters.co.uk/our-services/school-and-nurse>

ry-improvement-partner/knowledge-and-understanding-of-the-world-k
uw/. Accessed 24 January 2023.

- I selected this source because it gives me more insight on why we should view the world from a kids perspective. Even Though the article I stated before touched on this subject I thought it would be more beneficial to continue my research on this matter for it is a pretty dense topic. I found this article because it talks about how kids start to process past events and they maintain curiosity. This helps them proceed to develop who they are and who the ones around them are. I think this is important to incorporate in my book because it tells kids it's okay to observe your surroundings and how to process it.

❖ The Importance of Illustration

“The Importance of Illustration in Picture Books.” *Emma Middleton*, 19

June 2018,

<https://emmamiddleton.com/2018/06/19/the-importance-of-illustration-in-picture-books/>. Accessed 24 January 2023.

- I selected this source because of very obvious reasons. My book is a majority illustration and picture book so I Wanted to do research on the impact of illustration books. In this article it pointed out that some kids may have trouble putting stories together but sometimes having a visual representation can help kids to understand what is going on and teach them important context clues. In the article it states,“Illustrations provide young readers with an immediate vision of the characters, setting, and mood of the story.” It gives them a visual of how the character looks, how they are being treated and how the character is feeling. Picture books are great when talking about children's books.

❖ Seeing is Believing

<https://www.ebsco.com/blogs/ebscopost/seeing-believing-benefits-picture-books-building-reading-skills>

“Seeing is Believing - The Benefits of Picture Books for Building

Reading Skills.” *ebsco*, 8 November 2017,

<https://www.ebsco.com/blogs/ebscopost/seeing-believing-benefits-picture-books-building-reading-skills>. Accessed 24 January 2023.

- I selected this source because it also demonstrates the benefits of creating a picture book. This article piggybacks off of the previous article which just covers more ground on how it's more convincing to a child to display an image rather than words. This article goes more into the mindset of a child when they see an image and how they are more likely to be convinced of the story and how the story is more likely to leave a longer impact. I think this would benefit me because it helps me to emphasize the illustrations part of the book more than the literature side because it's more helpful to kids.

❖ When Do Kids Understand Race

Brooks, Sumner, and Ameer Severson. “When Do Kids Understand Race? |

Goop.” *Goop*, 27 October 2022,

<https://goop.com/wellness/parenthood/when-do-kids-understand-race/>. Accessed 24 January 2023.

- I selected this source because I found this article very interesting due to the fact that I have always had this question in the back of my head. Now that I am creating a children's book I feel like this question was necessary to look up. While generating ideas I kept going back and forth on if I should include race or not inside the book. I know that race to children

can be a very hazy topic. I was torn between Whether it would confuse the kids or educate them. I think it's good to look up how they process it and how to approach the topic of race and identity.

❖ How to Start A Novel

“How to Start Writing Your Novel: 6 Tips for Beginner Novel Writers - 2023.” *MasterClass*, 7 June 2021, <https://www.masterclass.com/articles/how-to-start-writing-your-novel>. Accessed 24 January 2023.

I selected this source because it shows me the basics of how to start my novel. I think it is extremely important to know what a good book consists of and how to construct a professional looking childrens book. If I put all this time into my capstone I would want it to come out as perfect as it can be. I want it to be a good representation of me and who I am as a student and when reading this article it helps me create more goals and touch basis on what I need to still do.