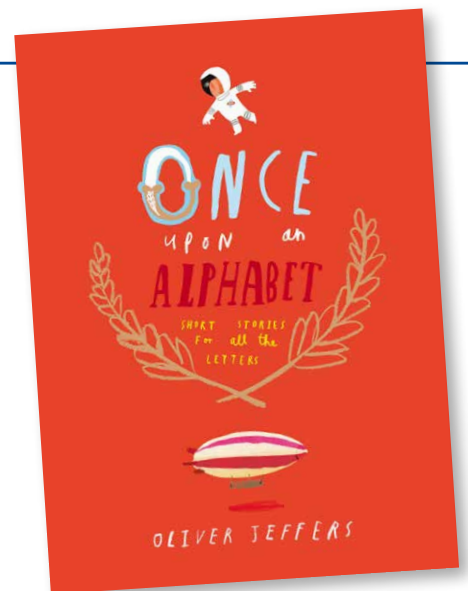


ONCE UPON AN ALPHABET

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UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Article 2: Human rights belong to everyone.

This inventive book explores the alphabet with a series of stories and is full of all kinds of characters – from an astronaut who is afraid of heights to Victor the vengeful violinist.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights enshrines the rights of everybody; the only qualification for these rights is to be human. It does not matter who we are, where we come from, what we believe in or have experienced, or how we have behaved.

There are rights that can be limited for good reason such as the right to move freely if we have been convicted of a crime. However we are still entitled to fairness, justice and equality. Some rights are absolute and cannot be limited by a government. For example, everyone has the right not to be treated as a slave, not to be tortured or punished in cruel ways, and not to be treated in ways that are degrading.

THEMES

- Human rights defenders
- Resolving conflict

QUESTIONS

- What should Bob have done instead?
- How could the monkeys have included Nigel?
- Why is it important that everyone is an equal?

ACTIVITY

- Make an alphabet display. Assign an act of kindness, solidarity or support for each letter.

RESEARCH

- Which human rights heroes have inspired you or your family?

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