StoryMakers

Angela Dominguez

A Student Viewing Guide

This student viewing guide is designed for students in kindergarten through second grade. It is assumed that teachers will adapt each activity to fit the needs and abilities of their own students.

This Viewing Guide focuses on "listening and observing" questions which relate directly to the KidLit TV episode and are designed to engage students through the viewing of the episode of study through comprehension and prediction questions, and one or two written activities.

All activities were created in conjunction with the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts in Speaking and Listening and other relevant content standards.

Author and illustrator Angela Dominguez creates heart-warming tales about family and togetherness. Angela Dominguez is a two-time recipient of the American Library Association's Pura Belpre Honor (2014 and 2016).

Angela's picture books are rooted in the themes of family, tradition, and friendship. Several of her books including *Maria Had A Little Llama/Maria Tenia Una Llamita; Let's Go, Hugo*; and *Knit Together* pull from relationships with family members and artifacts from her childhood. A wind-up toy inspired French bird Hugo. Angela's memories of wanting to be a skilled knitter like her mother led her to write a book to remind children they can be talented in their own way. An aunt's interest in indigenous cultures informed the writing of a version of *Mary Had a Little Lamb* with a Peruvian twist.

Angela's books aren't only an option for children growing up bilingual; they are excellent for those who want to expose young readers to the Spanish language and Latino culture. Aspiring illustrators will enjoy hearing about Angela's process and seeing what a book looks like from start to finish.

Storymakers episode available at:

http://kidlit.tv/2016/01/storymakers-angela-dominguez/

Standby

Before Viewing

You are about to watch an interview with author-illustrator Angela Dominguez.

- Do you know what an "interview" is? If so, explain in your own words. If not, look up the definition in a dictionary.
- Do you know what an "author-illustrator" is? If so, explain in your own words. If not, look up the definition in a dictionary.

Tad Hills writes and illustrates several books, including *Maria Had A Little Llama/Maria Tenia Una Llamita; Let's Go, Hugo*; and *Knit Together.*

If possible, create a classroom library of Angela's books prior to viewing the Storymakers episode. Share a few of the books with the class.

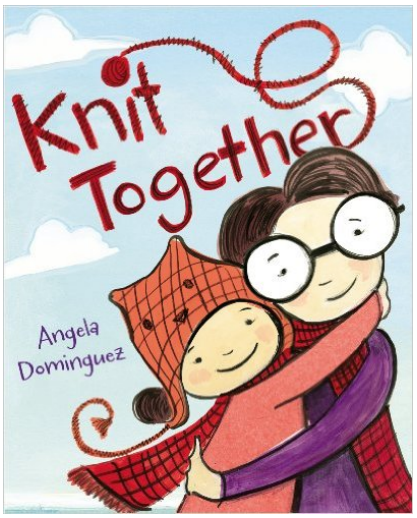
Discuss the following:

- What are some questions that you think host Rocco Staino will ask Angela Dominguez? Create a list.

Lights, Camera…

While You (and Your Class) Watch

Please Note that some students might find it necessary to watch the Storymakers episode more than once. Repeated viewings should be encouraged.



What do you see?

- Pause the video.
- Create a list of everything that you see.

What do you hear?

- Watch the video, paying close attention to everything that you hear.
- Whenever something is said that you think is important, write it down on a piece of paper. This is called "taking notes."
- OR, as a class, whenever something is said that you think is important, raise your hand so the teacher can pause the video and jot down notes.

Fast Quiz

- What color pants is Angela wearing in the video?
- What color bowtie is Rocco wearing in the video?
- Who did Angela get the stuffed llama from?
- A few of Angela's books are bilingual. What two languages are they told in?
- Describe Angela's process using tissue paper, markers, and digital illustration.
- What was Angela's inspiration for *Let's Go, Hugo*?
- Many of Angela's books include family members. Name at least three family members who have inspired her stories.
- Describe the two baby blankets knitted by Angela's mother.
- What kind of dog is Santiago in *Santiago Stays*?
- In your own words, explain what is meant by the title *Sing, Don't Cry*.
- Name one or two other books written or illustrated by Angela.

Action!

After Viewing Acitivites

Further More—Additional Research and Questions

- What is one thing that you learned from the video that you didn't know before?
- Look closely at the list of questions you created before the viewing. Did Rocco ask any of the questions you predicted he would? If not, what do you still want to know?
- Visit http://www.angeladominguezstudio.com/ for further research and to see if your outstanding question(s) was answered there.
- If you could interview Angela Dominguez what is one question you would ask?
- Compile your questions and send them to Angela, either through the Contact page on her website, www.tadhills.com or via his Twitter feed at @andominguez. Be sure to use #kidlittv in your Tweet.

Our Families (and Friends) are a Part of Us

Angela Dominguez is often inspired by her family. In fact, many of their stories and faces find their way into her books.

Think of someone in your family that inspires you. It can be a family member, a friend, or someone in your community. What are 5 things that you admire about this person? Create a list.

The Project:

- Lay down on a large piece of paper while someone traces your body with a pencil.
- Once you have the silhouette of your body, write the 5 things you admire about this person inside the outline.
- Then decorate the silhouette to further depict the relationship between you and your inspirational person. Photos can be added to create a collage.
- Can you add any snippets of stories to your silhouette? Maybe include memories of something you have shared with this person. Or gifts you have received from them.
- Finished silhouettes can be displayed with the title "Our Families and Friends are a Part of Us".

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