Abdul's Story Written By: Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow Illustrated By: Tiffany Rose

Synopsis: Abdul loves telling stories but thinks his messy handwriting and spelling mistakes will keep him from becoming an author, until Mr. Muhammad visits and encourages him to persist.

Suggested Reading Date: National Letter Writing Day - December 7, 2023

Activity Descriptions:

- Students can pretend to use erasers every time they hear the word erase in the story –
 TPR movements;
- Have students draw pictures of what they want to write about brainstorm ideas together;
- Perfect time for an author visit;
- Have students design their own journals;
- Teach how to write a book review using the template below.

Related Websites:

- Author's website & resources: https://jamilahthewriter.com/educators/
- Illustrator's profile: https://aalbc.com/authors/author.php?author-name=Tiffany+Rose
- Book Review Unit Lesson: https://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/lesson-plans/thumbs-students-writing-publishing
- Book Review template: https://www.readwritethink.org/sites/default/files/resources/lesson_images/lesson976/template.pdf

Text to Text Connections:

My Very Favorite Book in the Whole Wide World by Malcolm Mitchell Linus the Little Yellow Pencil by Scott Magoon Perfect by Max Amato Eraser by Anna Kang
The Story of a Story by Deborah Hopkinson
The Best Story by Eileen Spinelli
Bears Make the Best Writing Buddies by Carmen Oliver

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