

# **Frog vs. Toad**

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**Synopsis:** As things get a bit heated among the amphibian population in the swamp, rivals Frog and Toad must cast their differences aside and work together when they have a close encounter with a snappy alligator.

**Suggested Reading Date:** World Frog Day is March 20<sup>th</sup>. World Kindness Day is November 13<sup>th</sup>. This is also a great book at the beginning of the year as students get to know each other and you are trying to build community within your school.

### **Activity Descriptions:**

- Compare and contrast the differences and similarities between a frog and toad.
- Frog and Toad as well as Alligator and Crocodile are misunderstood and argue. Talk about a time where you might have been misunderstood and have argued with someone.
- Explore the life cycle of a frog (see link below).
- Make an origami jumping frog (see link below).
- Draw a Cartoon Frog (see link below).

### **Related Websites:**

- Author's Website: <https://thebrightagency.com/uk/childrens-illustration/artists/ben-mantle>
- Facts About Frogs: <https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/frog/353154>
- Facts About Toads: <https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/toad/390140>
- Lifecycle of a Frog: <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/science/nature/frog-life-cycle/>
- Origami Jumping Frog: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rht7y5kooJQ>
- How to Draw a Cartoon Frog: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n\\_kovglf\\_eM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_kovglf_eM)

**Text to Text Connections:** *I Don't Want to Be a Frog* by Dev Petty, *Finklehopper Frog* by Irene Livingston, *Frog and Toad are Friends* by Arnold Lobel, *I Want That Nut* by Madeline Valentine, and *Neck and Neck* by Elise Parsley

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