

Nigel and the Moon

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Synopsis: It's Career Day at school, but Nigel doesn't know what he wants to be, and he's not sure that what his parents do is enough to impress the kids in his class.

Suggested Reading Date: With the focus on jobs, this would be an appropriate tie-in for Labor Day (9/4/23), May Day (5/1/24), or any kind of Career Day event your school may do.

Activity Descriptions:

- Have a conversation about careers and future planning, as illustrated in the book, for text to self connection
- Have students suggest careers and share what it takes to join the profession and what exactly those careers do.
- Have a Career Day with speakers from the community sharing about the jobs they do!
- Nigel shares his secrets with the moon; you can make a connection between that and the idea of a Worry Stone: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Worry_stone

Related Websites:

- Antwan Eady's author page: <https://www.antwaneady.com/>
- Gracey Zhang's illustrator page: <http://www.graceyzhang.com/>
- Career Day Activities for Kids: <https://speechsprouts.com/5-ideas-for-career-day-at-school-youll-love/>
- Harper-Collins Teaching Guide: <https://www.harpercollins.com/products/nigel-and-the-moon-antwan-eady?variant=39351649796130>

Text to Text Connections:

- *The Paper Kingdom* by Helena Ku Rhee
- *Ruby Finds a Worry* by Tom Percival
- *Me and My Fear* by Francesca Sanna
- *The Rabbit Listened* by Cori Doerrfeld

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