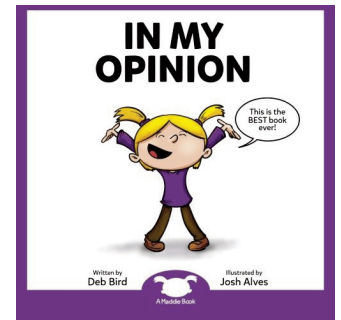


The Important Book by Margaret Wise Brown
and Illustrated by Leonard Weisgard

In My Opinion by Deb Bird
and Illustrated by Josh Alves
(2018. Middletown, DE.: A Maddie Book)



The mini-lesson will tie together the above references. *The Important Book* is a listing of important facts about an object or natural happening. The author chooses one to be the “important thing.” This is an *opinion*. What is important to Margaret Wise Brown, concerning these objects/happenings, is not necessarily what is important to you! An opinion is up to you!

The expository text structures in *The Important Book* are “list” and an opinion. You can ask the students to “sequence” the “list” in the order that he/or she would like! If the list, then, is in order of importance, then the opinion would come last.

Task: Invite children to gather objects (inside or outside) or think of natural happenings (such as “rain,” “summer,” etc., and write a list of adjectives or phrases as important characteristics, as did Margaret Wise Brown. As the children choose one to highlight, ask them to use the sentence:

The important thing about _____
is _____.

That is my opinion. What is yours?