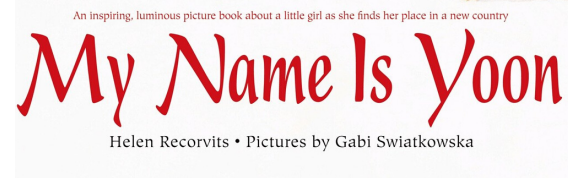




MY NAME IS YOON

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Yoon has moved to America from Korea and so much is different. Everyone speaks a different language, school is different, and even the way she writes her name looks different! Will she get used to America and make some friends, or will she always be homesick for Korea?



Questions:

1. Have you ever heard of the country Korea? What do you know about that country?
2. How would you feel if you moved somewhere new where everyone spoke a different language AND the alphabet and writing and reading were different too? How did you feel?
3. Have you ever heard the term “home sick”? What does it mean? Why does Yoon feel that way? Have you ever felt that way?
4. Does Yoon do the paper wrong because she doesn’t understand? Why does she do it wrong? How would you feel if your name was different and you didn’t like it the new way?
5. How did Yoon feel when the teacher and the girl behind her teased her and laughed? How would you feel if your teacher teased you when you were already sad? How would you feel if someone laughed at you when you were sad?
6. How would you feel if you had no friends? Why did Yoon draw a picture for her teacher when her teacher hadn’t been very nice? Do you think everybody wants to be liked by the people around them?
7. Why does Yoon want to be a bird?
8. How do you think Yoon felt when the teacher smiled at her? How do you think the teacher felt when she finally understood what Yoon was doing when she wrote the wrong words?
9. Do you think that Yoon’s mom gave her good advice when she said to be patient? Is it easy to be patient?
10. How does Yoon feel now that her teacher understands her better and likes her more? How do you feel when people understand your heart?
11. How does Yoon feel now that she has been in America longer?
12. Why do you think Yoon is finally ready to write her name? Is she starting to like being Yoon in America? Do you think she will one day like living in America just as much as she loved living in Korea?