



PROFESSOR FERGUS FAHRENHEIT AND HIS WONDERFUL WEATHER MACHINE

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SUMMARY

The people in the town of Dry Gulch are worried- there has been no rain for a long time and they need rain for their crops to grow. They hold a meeting to try and find a solution. When Professor Fergus Fahrenheit comes, will they trust him? Will they listen? Will the town of Dry Gulch get the rain it so badly needs?



Questions:

1. How would you feel if it didn't rain for a long time? What if you needed the rain to grow the food you had to eat? What if no rain meant no food? How do you think the townspeople feel?
2. Have you ever had a problem and no idea how to fix it? What does it feel like when there's nothing you can do to solve your problems?
3. Have you ever met someone who looks completely different from you? Does that mean you should be afraid of them? Does that mean you should assume they're lying?
4. How do you think Professor Fergus Fahrenheit felt when he got called a liar? Has anyone ever called you a liar when you were telling the truth? How did it feel?
5. How do you think the townspeople felt while they watching Professor Fergus Fahrenheit set up his machine? How do you think they felt when it started to rain?
6. The mayor had decided Professor Fahrenheit was a liar from the start, and wouldn't listen even when he saw the evidence that Professor Fahrenheit was telling the truth. Is that fair? Was the mayor so worried about being right that he refused to see he might be wrong? Is anybody right all of the time? Is it okay to change your mind or admit you were wrong?
7. When the mayor refused to admit the truth, what happened to the townspeople? Should the mayor have focused on taking care of others? How do you think the townspeople felt when the mayor's choices made things worse for them?
8. If everyone could control the weather, would it be sunny all the time? Does everyone like the same kind of weather? What kind of weather do you like? How does rain make you feel? What about sunshine? Snow? Is that the same for everyone?
9. How do you think the townspeople felt when they saw Professor Fahrenheit each summer? The same way they felt the first time they saw him? Should you base what you think on your first impression, or is it okay to change your mind?