

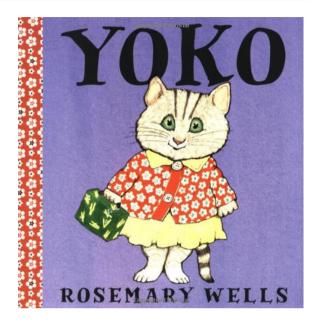
YOKO ROSEMARY WELLS

SUMMARY

Yoko wants to eat her favorite food for lunch- sushi! But when all her classmates start to tease her about eating raw fish and seaweed. They tell her its gross. When the teacher decides to teach her students about culture by having a world food day, will any of the other kids like Yoko's sushi?

Questions:

1. How do you think Yoko feels at the beginning of lunch, knowing that her lunch is filled with her favorite things?



- 2. How do you think Yoko felt when all her friends said "ick" when they saw her lunch? How would you feel if people looked at your favorite thing and said "yuck" "gross" "ew"?
- 3. Is it ever okay to call someone a name like "weirdo"? Have you ever been called a name before? How did it feel? Have you ever called someone else a name? Did it hurt their feelings? How did it feel to know you hurt someone else's feelings?
- 4. How do you think Yoko felt about International Food Day? How do you think the other kids in class felt? Does that sound like a fun day to you?
- 5. How do you think the kids felt eating all the foods from other countries and places? Would you be excited to try new things or do you only like to eat the same foods?
- 6. How do you think Yoko felt when she saw that no one had eaten any of her sushi?
- 7. How do you think Yoko felt when Timothy ate the sushi? When he liked it? When he asked if they could have it for lunch again the next day?
- 8. What should her classmates and friends should have done when Yoko brought sushi to International Foods day? If something is important to your friend, should you reject it or should you try it? Why is it important to support our friends?
- 9. Have you ever thought something would be awful but tried it anyway, only to find you really like it? Why is it important to try things before we decide we don't like them?
- 10. Why is important to be respectful to other cultures even if there are parts that we don't understand or like? Should we try to understand?