

# Discussing Arthur Books and Videos

## Objectives

- to make predictions about the story
- to make personal connections to the story
- to describe the story's setting and the problems and feelings of the characters

## Materials

- ARTHUR books and videos

*Note: The following questions focus on Arthur's experiences, but you can also use them to discuss other story characters such as D.W.<sup>TM</sup> or Francine.*

## Before Reading or Watching Arthur

- 1 What can you predict about this story from the title? What can you predict by looking at the book cover? Think for a moment about your prediction, then turn to the person beside you and share your ideas.
- 2 Have you ever done something like you think Arthur will do in the story? (For example, been to camp, helped take care of a smaller child, had a new puppy or new glasses.) Tell us what it was like.

## While Reading or Watching Arthur

*Take a reading or video break and discuss these questions with students.*

- 1 How do the story's pictures or scenes help you know where it takes place?
- 2 What is Arthur trying to do in this story?
- 3 How does Arthur feel? How do the pictures or scenes show you Arthur's feelings?
- 4 Think about how Arthur might solve his problem. Turn to the person beside you and exchange your predictions.

## After Reading or Watching Arthur

- 1 How do your predictions compare to the way the story ended?
- 2 What do you notice about the picture on the cover now that you have watched or read the story? What part of the story does it show?
- 3 Describe what happened when Arthur...
- 4 How did Arthur solve his problem? What choices did he have? Did anyone help him?
- 5 Do you agree with what Arthur did? What would you have done differently?
- 6 Imagine that Arthur is in our class. What advice would you have given him?
- 7 At the beginning of the story, how does Arthur feel about (his new glasses, the family vacation, his trip to camp, etc.)? How do his feelings change? How do you know? What are your clues?
- 8 What did Arthur learn about himself? his friends? his family?
- 9 How are you most like Arthur?

