

## World According to Humphrey, The

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### **CURRICULUM FIT**

**Does this resource address the prescribed learning outcomes for this BC curriculum?**

Moderately

Acceptance and tolerance as well as being proactive in solving problems are strong themes throughout the story. Students can also relate to the author's portrayal of Humphrey as being looked at, but not really listened to.

### **SUGGESTED CLASSROOM USAGE**

The classroom situations are very realistic and offer many jumping off points for discussions around problems encountered at home and at school.

### **SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Do the social considerations support, rather than detract from, student learning?**

Extensively

### **NOVEL**

#### AUDIENCE:

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**Is the language use appropriate to the emotional maturity and cognitive level of students?**

Extensively

**Is the content appropriate to the emotional maturity and cognitive level of students?**

Extensively

**Is the content of particular interest to male students?**

Extensively

**Is the content of particular interest to female students?**

Extensively

## LITERARY MERIT

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**Does the text show insight into the complexity of the human condition?**

Extensively

**Does the text broaden students' experiences and understanding?**

Extensively

**Does the text provide opportunities for creative and critical thinking?**

Moderately

**To what degree is this text stylistically rich?**

Moderately

## PLOT DESCRIPTION:

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## RELATED COMMENTS:

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An interesting perspective is of the teacher and principal both being in charge at school, but their home life is very different. The novel gives explanations as to why people sometimes act the way they do and shows positive ways to make a difference.

## GENRE:

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- Adventure
- Fantasy

## LITERARY HIGHLIGHTS:

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- Rich Characterization
- Well-developed themes
- Point of view

## TYPE:

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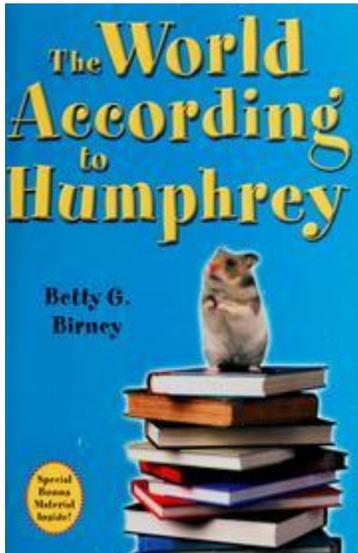
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## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

## READABILITY:

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- At intended grade level(s)



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### Recommended Grades & Subjects/Courses

3-4

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**Subject**

English Language Arts

**ID**

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