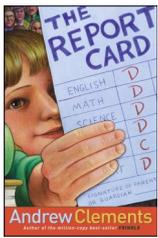


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Clements is one of my favorite authors. He writes thoughtfully about school-age students, the issues they face, their relationships with each other and with their teachers. And many of his books pose a 'what if?' question that make for marvelous discussion opportunities. In *The Report Card*, it's 5th grader Nora who ponders: what if students just all refused to take tests? What if they intentionally answered all the questions incorrectly? [Read more](#)

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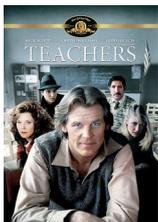
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