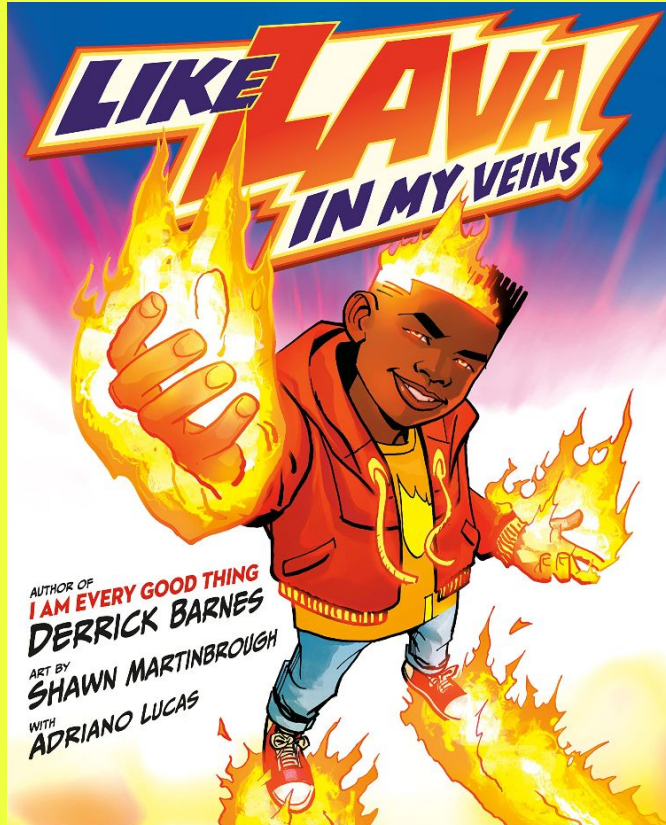


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Like Lava in My Veins

by Derrick Barnes
&
illustrated by Shawn
Martinbrough

What is a "Character Map?"

A character map is a graphic organizer that helps students learn about characters in a literary work. It can be a chart, worksheet, or storyboard that records information about each character's traits, actions, and dialogue. Character maps can be used during and after reading a text.

What is the purpose of a Character Map?

- **Use with students to support comprehension:
Identify and organize details about a character.**

When to use:

- **During and after reading**
- **Grouping**
- **Whole group**
- **Small group**
- **Partners**
- **Individuals**

Meet Bobby Beacon, the main character in *Like Lava in My Veins* by Derrick Barnes and illustrated by Shawn Martinbrough. We chose this character because he is a fantastic example of a bright young student that has unique learning abilities and a readiness to be accepted for who he is!



We chose to do a "Head to Toe" approach for our main character to explore what he experiences and feels throughout the novel. This is a great way for students to explore how a character changes throughout a book in different areas such as their thoughts, actions, and emotions.

Head

Bobby thinks a lot about what people say about him.

Sometimes he feels deep anger when others don't understand him or his abilities. He is very sensitive to how others perceive him.



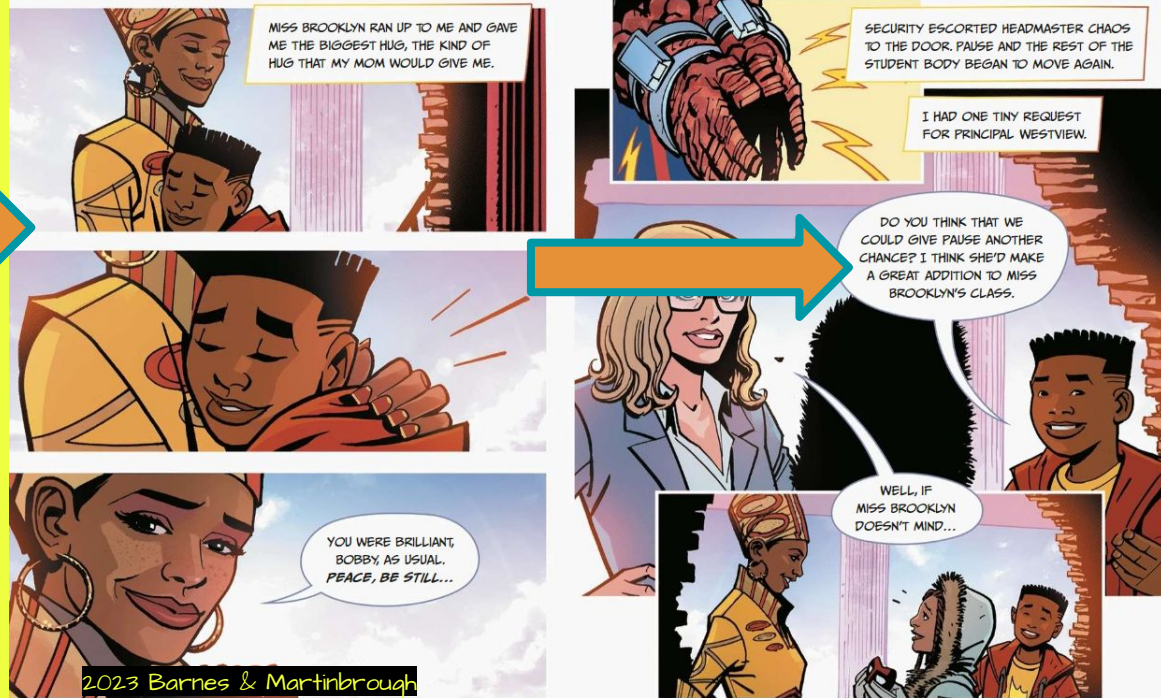


Hands

Bobby often seems like he is too quick to throw up his hands for a fight, but he later learns the importance and impact of his actions and embraces a calmer approach to his anger.

Heart

Bobby is just a kid who needs to be loved like any child should. He appreciates those who changed his life in positive ways and even channels that kindness onto others, saying they should give others a second chance too.



AT THAT MOMENT, I REALIZED THAT AS LONG AS YOU HAVE SOMEONE WHO BELIEVES IN YOU AND APPRECIATES EVERYTHING FROM YOUR TOES TO THE TINY FLAMES ON THE TIPS OF YOUR HAIR, YOU CAN BECOME ANYTHING IN THIS GREAT BIG WORLD.

AND MOST OF ALL, YOU ARE NEEDED, YOU ARE LOVED...

AND EVENTUALLY, YOU'LL END UP RIGHT WHERE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE.



PEACE, BE STILL.

Stomach

Bobby is fed on acceptance and love. He knows that when we are filled with appreciation and peace, we can achieve anything. He learned this from his amazing teacher Miss Brooklyn!

Feet

Bobby is a kid who has unique learning abilities and often finds himself with extra energy that requires a quiet moment like how

Brooklyn taught him to do, or a space in which he can plant his feet and be grounded.



Bobby Beacon Character Map: Alternative Version

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Title: Like Lava in My Veins Author: Derrick Barnes

Character: BOBBY BEACON

A character map for Bobby Beacon, featuring a central silhouette of a person with arms outstretched. Surrounding the silhouette are seven thought bubbles and boxes, each containing a different aspect of the character's personality and experiences.

Thoughts
Bobby believes that most people are unable to understand him as a person.

Quotes
Peace, be still...

Actions
Bobby often seems like he is too quick to throw up his hands for a fight but he later learns the importance and impact of his actions and embraces a calmer approach to his anger.

Feelings
In the beginning he feels misunderstood and "invisible." As soon as he meets the new teacher "Mrs. Brooklyn," he felt acknowledged and made him feel "seen."

Goals
Bobby's goal is to be able to manage his temper. He did this by closing his eyes, taking five deep breaths and saying "peace, be still..."

Description
Bobby Beacon is a bright and charismatic character. He leads people and shows them the way.

What others say about character
People see him as this kid who loses his temper easily. Miss Brooklyn sees him as a normal person who has great potential.

Something else important
Bobby is fed on acceptance and love. He knows that when we are filled with appreciation and peace, we can achieve anything. He learned this from his amazing teacher Miss Brooklyn.

Thank You!

This book is recommended for ages 5 and up. This can be a great reading resource using the main or side characters from the book with either format - paper or slides!