

Read Aloud Lesson based on the book

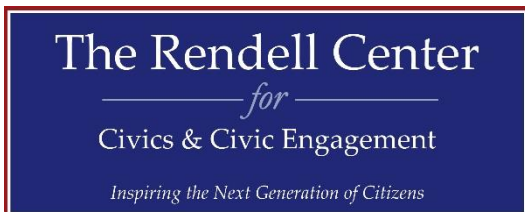
City Green

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*When an old building gets torn down, leaving behind an empty lot, Marcy and Miss Rosa hatch a plan to turn the lot into a community garden! With the help of neighbors, Marcy and Miss Rosa lease the empty land from the city and give new meaning to an important place in her neighborhood's history. After reading or listening to **City Green** (check YouTube for a read aloud), answer and reflect on the questions below.*

1. Do you have a garden in your home or community? Have you ever been to a garden? What kind of plants did you see?
2. Why did Marcy and Miss Rosa have to go to City Hall to lease the lot? Why were they not allowed to plant things there without permission from the city?
3. Are there any empty lots in your neighborhood? Do you know what was there before it was empty? If not, what do you imagine it could have been? If you could do anything with an empty lot, what would you do?
4. How did the community garden benefit everyone in the neighborhood? Why do you think all the neighbors were so willing to help out? When you do big projects, is it easier when you work alone or when you get help from others?

5. Why do you think Old Man Hammer was so unpleasant? What made him happy in the end of the book? What are some ways we can show kindness to people like Marcy showed to Old Man Hammer?



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