Unstoppable

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Have you ever been on a winning team? Have you experienced how cooperation and teamwork can help you overcome difficult challenges? What if everyone was on your team? Unstoppable is about a creative group of animals that teams up to solve all sorts of problems.

After reading or listening to Unstoppable (check YouTube for a read-aloud), reflect on the questions below.

Before the Read Aloud:

Have you ever been jealous of someone else’s abilities? What’s something that you do better than anyone else? Be prepared to discuss.
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During the Read Aloud:

1. What are the characteristics of a good team? Are there any examples in your life that you can share?

2. Congress is the legislative branch of the federal government. They make laws for American citizens to follow. Have you noticed any BIG problems in the world for Congress to pass new laws about? (Think BIG – like the problem of deforestation from the book.)

3. In our federal government, for a new law to be made, Congress must vote to pass a bill which is then signed into law by the President. Just like the animals in Unstoppable, Congress members need to work together with the President to pass new laws. Why do you think cooperation and teamwork are important in our government? Think about what would happen if the President could pass all the laws by her or himself, or if only a few Congress members could pass laws without approval by the majority. Be prepared to share your thoughts.