

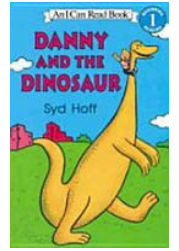
## Lesson 2: Danny and the Dinosaur

## Objective:

1. Students will read/view Danny and the Dinosaur by Syd Hoff.

## Materials:

- Book: Danny and the Dinosaur
- **Dinosaur PowerPoint** or printed pictures (Used in Lesson 1.)
- Class set of the **Document: Me and the Dinosaur**
- Crayons and paper
- **Vocabulary Cards** (extinct, dinosaurs) (Used in Lesson 1.)



## Procedure:

1. Show the class the **Dinosaur PowerPoint** or printed pictures, one at a time.
2. Ask the students if they have seen a living dinosaur. Students that raise their hand will probably say they have seen dinosaurs in movies, books, museums, and television shows. Explain that no one has ever seen a living dinosaur because they are extinct. Dinosaurs portrayed in movies, books, and television shows or seen in museums are NOT real. They are pretend. Ask the students to raise their hand again if they have seen a living dinosaur.
3. Tell students that you are going to read the book Danny and the Dinosaur by Syd Hoff. Do a book walk—pointing out the front cover, the back cover, the spine, the title, and the author and illustrator. Explain that the story is fictional (make-believe) about a boy named Danny who meets a dinosaur.
4. After reading the story, ask students if they think the story is real. “Could a child become friends with an actual/living dinosaur?” Remind the students that dinosaurs are extinct—they are not living any longer.
5. After reading the story, ask the students, “Why was the dinosaur in the museum?” Explain that dinosaurs found in museums are models and are NOT real dinosaurs.
6. Distribute **Document: Me and the Dinosaur** to each student. Ask the students, “What would you like to do if dinosaurs were still living and you could spend a day with a dinosaur?” Students will illustrate their idea. They should be encouraged to write text too.
7. Students will share information about their illustration. What type of dinosaur did they draw? Was it a Tyrannosaurus rex, Apatosaurus, Stegosaurus or another kind?

## Extension Ideas:

1. KLRN PBS LearningMedia:  
<http://klrn.pbslearningmedia.org>  
 On PBS LearningMedia, search for: Dinosaur A-Z. It is an animated song from PBS KIDS' Dinosaur Train pairing an alphabet letter with the name of a dinosaur.
2. Visit [You Tube](#) for the animated version of Danny and the Dinosaur.