

Gina's Ace

A story about DIVERSITY



Positive Ending

KEY CONCEPT/ DISADVANTAGE

Diversity

OBJECTIVES

- To recognise the impact of stereotypes and prejudice, particularly in relation to ethnicity and physical appearance.
- To explain the emotions and struggles faced by the protagonist and how they influence her actions.
- To develop empathy towards individuals who face bullying and discrimination.
- To reflect on personal biases and attitudes towards people

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION FOR POSITIVE ENDING

- How did Gina feel when the kids bullied her at school?
- Why did the bullies change their opinion after watching Gina play tennis?
- Have you ever been in a situation where someone judged you unfairly? How did you handle it?
- Can sports and hobbies help people overcome challenges? Can they help build confidence?

SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

★ Activities

Role-Play Scenarios

Have pupils act out different responses to bullying, including standing up for someone and being a supportive friend.

"Power Words" Activity

Create a word cloud with <https://wordart.com/>, platform available in our Digital Tools Collection, using words like "Strong", "Confident", "Kind" etc. Let pupils add words that describe Gina's strength.

Letter to Gina

Ask pupils to write an encouraging letter to Gina, giving her advice and support.

Tennis Inspiration Board

Research real-life tennis players who have overcome struggles (e.g. Serena Williams, Simona Halep) and create an infographic with [Canva](#), platform available in our Digital Tools Collection.

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Books to Read

- "The Invisible Boy" by Trudy Ludwig - A touching story about inclusion and kindness.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cNHc2XCultQ&ab_channel=MrBaker%27sBookshelf

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rEj8f6G9myl&ab_channel=WhereThere%27sA.Williams%2CThere%27sAWay

- "I Walk with Vanessa" by Kerascoët - A wordless book showing how a small act of kindness can stop bullying.

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AeBlq1dtghU&ab_channel=BooksMandala

- "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio - A novel about a boy who faces bullying due to his appearance but teaches kindness and perseverance.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AeBlq1dtghU&ab_channel=BooksMandala

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3XA0bB79oGc&ab_channel=FilmakademieBaden-W%C3%BCrttemberg

- "Serena Williams: A Champion on and off the Court" by Howard Bryant - A biography of Serena Williams, touching on her challenges and triumphs.

Videos to Watch

Short Film) -A powerful short film about embracing differences and inner strength.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3XA0bB79oGc&ab_channel=FilmakademieBaden-W%C3%BCrttemberg

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Negative Ending

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OBJECTIVES

- To identify the consequences of bullying on a person's emotional well-being and self-esteem.
- To recognise the role of support systems (teachers, friends, family) in helping someone overcome challenges.
- To analyse how Gina's reaction changes when she does not receive encouragement compared to the positive ending.
- To develop empathy by understanding how bullying and lack of support can crush someone's dreams.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION FOR ENDING 2

1. What did Coach Petcu tell Gina? How did it help her?
2. Why was winning the tennis match so important for Gina?
3. Have you ever been in a situation where someone judged you unfairly? How did you handle it?
4. How would you stand up for Gina, if you were her classmate?

SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Activities:

Write a Letter to Gina

Have pupils write an encouraging letter to Gina, offering advice and support.

Create a Support Chain

Each pupil writes one kind action they can take to support classmates. Link them together in a paper chain to display in the classroom.

Books to Read:

"Each Kindness" by Jacqueline Woodson - A powerful story about the regret of missed opportunities to be kind.

"Bullying Is a Pain in the Brain" by Trevor Romain - A fun and helpful book that teaches kids how to deal with bullies