

# Shawn Loves Sharks

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**Synopsis:** "Shawn loves sharks with all his heart, so when his nemesis, Stacy, is assigned 'sharks' for the big class project, Shawn is not happy"--Provided by publisher.

**Suggested Reading Date:** Shark Awareness Day – July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, beginning of the year friendship stories, World Wildlife Day – March 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Activity Descriptions:

- Create fact pages or a class book on different sharks
- Do a T- chart or Venn comparison of a Great White Shark and Leopard Seal
- Introduce databases such as PebbleGo or an online encyclopedia for shark facts
- Go on a "virtual fieldtrip" to the website of an aquarium or zoo
- Examine the pictures to "read" the feelings of the characters - empathy
- Create a list of advice on how to play fairly – exploring the "Golden Rule"
- Make shark or seal bookmarks
- Have a discussion about student passions and engagement in learning
- Exploring food chains
- Discussion on exploring new topics and things – challenge your students to find out something new or read a different genre than usual.
- Discuss imagination and imaginative play

### Related Websites:

- Author Curtis Manley's website <http://curtismanley.com>
- Illustrator Tracy Subisak's website <http://tracysubisak.com>
- Maria Marshall's blog post with ideas on sharing *Shawn Loves Sharks* <https://www.mariamarshall.com/single-post/2017/05/19/Shawn-Loves-Sharks---perfect-Picture-Book-Friday---PPBF>
- Deborah Kalb blog interview with Curtis Manley <http://deborahkalbbooks.blogspot.com/2017/03/q-with-curtis-manley.html>
- National Geographic Kids article on Great White Sharks. Has a link to a shark personality quiz <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/great-white-shark/#great-white-shark-swimming-blue.jpg>
- Link page to many shark activities and printable sheets <http://www.kidzone.ws/sharks/activities/>
- Slightly grisly but very informational National Geographic video on Great White sharks hunting seals. <https://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/worlds-deadliest-ngs/deadliest-shark-seals>

**Text to Text Connections:** If you like this book, you might also want to use:

*Turtles Penguin Day, Clark the Shark, Carnivores, Nugget and Fang, Lion Vs. Rabbit, The Bear Report*

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