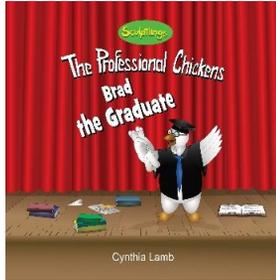


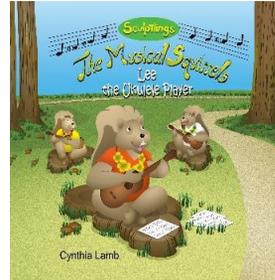


## Comparing Sculptling Books

### Brad the Graduate



### Lee the Ukulele Player



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## Compare & Reflect Ideas With Sculptling Books

### Compare Books

Try comparing the story Bo the Brad the Graduate with other Sculptlings Books, such as Lee the Ukulele Player and compare the 2 messages.

Try comparing the characters and their lessons. How are they different? How are they the same?

**Example Comparison:** Both stories are about working hard to get better at something. Brad works hard in school, and Lee practices his ukulele to get better at music. Both Brad and Lee teach us how to succeed by working hard and not giving up. In both stories, there are distractions that make learning harder, but they find ways to stay focused.

The differences between them are in their goals and what they are focused on accomplishing. Brad focuses on school and education. Lee focuses on music and being in a band. Brad gives advice about learning and school and Lee gives advice about practicing and working with others. But they both share a common character trait; hard work and dedication.

### Ideas for how to review these books with your Preschool kids.

- Discuss the characters similarities. (Both work hard to get better at something.)
- Discuss the characters differences. (They have different goals; school and music)
- Discuss the distractions that they face. (Like other kids not paying attention or being silly on purpose).
- Discuss how their good habits help them reach their goals (Studying and practicing)

### Discussion Questions for Advanced Readers (Ages 6–7)

**Help older kids think more critically and connect the story to real-life situations:**

- Encourage children to examine the character traits in each story.
- Encourage forming good habits or routines.
- Use the story as a springboard to talk about what makes us good at something
- Discuss goals and dreams.



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## Brad the Graduate and Lee the Ukulele Player

### 1. What are Brad and Lee trying to do?

- Brad wants to do well in school, graduate, and help other kids learn too.
- Lee wants to get better at playing music and do a great job performing with his band.

### 2. How do Brad and Lee reach their goals?

- Brad works hard in school. He pays attention, does his homework, eats healthy food, gets sleep, and stays away from distractions.
- Lee practices his ukulele a lot, gets ready for shows, and works with his band to play music together as a team.

### 3. What problems do Brad and Lee have, and what do they do about them?

- Brad has a hard time staying focused when a classmate acts silly and becomes a distraction. Once Brad tells his teacher, he keeps trying and he stays positive.
- Lee has trouble with a bandmate who acts silly and becomes a distraction, so he talks to him kindly and helps the band work better together.

### 4. What character traits do Brad and Lee share?

- Brad and Lee are both hardworking and don't give up.
- They try their best, take their goals seriously, and like to help others do better too.

### 5. How does the place where each character spends time affect what they learn?

- Brad spends most of his time at school, so he learns about reading, studying, and working hard to succeed in the future.
- Lee spends his time practicing music with his band, so he learns how to play well, work as a team, and keep trying until the music sounds great.

### 6. What do both stories teach us about getting ready?

- Brad shows that doing your homework, getting sleep, and being ready for class helps you do well in school.
- Lee shows that practicing your music before band practice helps you play better and work well with others.



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**Directions:** Listen to the question. Pick the answer that fits best! Grown-ups can help read.

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**2. Who plays music with a band?**

- A. Lee
- B. Brad
- C. The cat

**3. What do Brad and Lee BOTH do?**

- A. Go swimming
- B. Try their best
- C. Take a nap

**4. What helps Brad do well in school?**

- A. Sleep and breakfast
- B. Candy and toys
- C. Jumping and yelling

**5. What helps Lee play music better?**

- A. Eating a lot
- B. Practicing a lot
- C. Coloring a lot

**6. Who teaches about school and learning?**

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**7. What do BOTH stories tell us?**

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- A. You should never ask for help
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### 6. What is something the two characters have in common?

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- B. They both try their best
- C. They both like to sleep in
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