

# Little Rebels Exploring Social Justice

## I Am Nefertiti

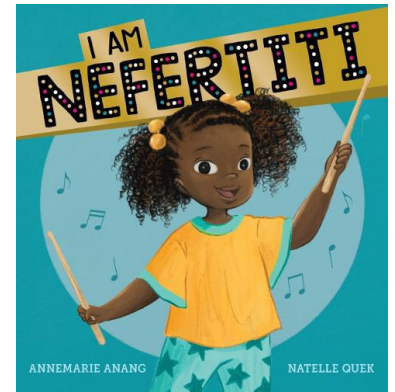
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Nefertiti is proud of her name so when her new teacher shrinks it to 'Nef', she feels herself shrinking too. Can Nefertiti and her classmates make sure her name is honoured and respected? A clever treatment of racial microaggressions.

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**Social Justice Themes: Racism; Diversity; Equal Treatment; Well-being**

### Things to talk about

- Nefertiti's Dad always says, 'You are Nefertiti' when she feels nervous. This makes her feel '...ten feet tall'. What does this mean? Why do you think it makes her feel like this?
- What happens to Nefertiti when Miss Potts calls her 'Nef'? Why do you think this happens and what can Miss Potts do to make Nefertiti feel tall again?
- Is your name important to you? Do you think it matters if someone mispronounces your name? How might it make you feel?
- The children in this book all play in a band. For a band to work well, all the members need to work together as part of a team and feel a sense of belonging. Do you belong to any groups or teams like this? What are they and what do you think makes a good team?
- What does the word 'Unique' mean? What makes you unique from your friends and family? What things do you have in common?

### Activities

- In the story we learn that Nefertiti has been named after an Egyptian queen. Not a lot is known about the queen. What can you discover?

### Extended

- Visit <https://www.fivequills.co.uk/i-am-nefertiti-activities/> for a range of Nefertiti activity sheet downloads.

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