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### BOOK TITLE

**Yertle the Turtle**  
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### LEARNING CATEGORY

Literacy: Listening, Phonemic Awareness; Rhyming; Arts; Social Emotional Learning

### AGE LEVEL

GRADES 2 - 5

### PRIMARY STANDARDS MET\*

Reading: Literature;  
Speaking and Listening

*\*see footnote for more information*

## LEARNING TARGETS

**Students will:** Expand their understanding of character and themes in the story

## ACTIVITY DETAILS

<b>Materials Needed</b>	Book, Novel Effect app
<b>Instructions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Read "Yertle the Turtle" with Novel Effect.</li> <li>2. Have students listen for sounds, instruments, and music.</li> <li>3. Start a discussion using the prompts below</li> </ol>
<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does Yertle feel about his position at the top of the throne?</li> <li>• How does Mack feel about his position at the bottom of it?</li> <li>• Is Yertle a fair king? Why?</li> <li>• How does Yertle treat the other turtles?</li> <li>• Why does Yertle think he owns everything he sees?</li> <li>• How can we resolve conflicts when people disagree about who owns something?</li> <li>• How does Mack's burp topple Yertle's Kingdom? Why do you think this happens?</li> </ul>