

# SARAH AND THE STEEP SLOPE

DANNY PARKER AND MATT OTTLEY



F	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Writing	
Ideas	✓
Organisation	✓
Voice	
Word Choice	
Sentence Fluency	✓
Conventions	
Presentation	



Reading	
Determining Importance	
Inferring	✓
Making Connections	✓
Predicting	
Questioning	✓
Summarising & Synthesising	
Visualising	

Sarah and the Steep Slope by Danny Parker is a touching book about the challenges associated with mental illness. Sarah finds herself unable to leave the house because of a steep slope that has appeared at her front door. She tries all different types of things to make it go away but it takes the help of others to get her to the top of the slope. This would be a great discussion starter for a social-emotional learning lesson.

As far as writing goes, the ORGANISATION is clear in this text, with lots of sequencing words guiding the reader through. IDEAS- this book could lead to writing about how students feel about different things (or attempting to display their feelings as metaphors as the author has done here). SENTENCE FLUENCY abounds in this book.

This book lends itself really well to discussions around INFERRING and QUESTIONING. What might the slope mean?

Matt Ottley did the illustrations of this book. Who doesn't love his work!?

\*I would recommend using this as a mentor text for writing for years 3-6+\*