

# A BAD CASE OF THE STRIPES

## Camilla's Character Change Craft



In this craft, students will explore how Camilla changes throughout the story. They will identify her character traits, important events, feelings, actions, and the theme of self-acceptance and individuality. Students will support their answers with evidence from the text.



### BE YOURSELF!

Everyone is unique in their own way.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- ★ Craft Templates
- ★ Writing Cards
- ★ "Be Yourself" Title
- ★ Camilla Character
- ★ Teacher Directions

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## ⇒ TEACHER DIRECTIONS ⇒

### ☆ OBJECTIVES ☆

- Students will identify how Camilla changes throughout the story.
- Students will describe Camilla's traits, feelings, and actions using evidence from the text.
- Students will determine the theme of the story.
- Students will reflect on their own uniqueness and self-acceptance.



### ① READ THE STORY

Read *A Bad Case of the Stripes* by David Shannon. Discuss the main events and Camilla's feelings.

### ② COMPLETE THE WRITING CARDS

Students complete each writing card about Camilla's character change using text evidence.

### ③ ASSEMBLE THE CRAFT

Students glue the writing cards around Camilla and add the title and "Be Yourself!" box at the bottom.

### ④ REFLECT

Students write what makes them unique in the "Be Yourself!" box.

### ⑤ SHARE

Invite students to share their crafts and reflections with the class.

### ☆ MATERIALS ☆

- Camilla character cutout
- Title banner
- Writing cards (6)
- "Be Yourself!" box
- Glue
- Scissors
- Crayons or markers
- Construction paper (optional for backing)



### TEACHER TIPS

- Model each section with the class before students begin.
- Encourage students to look back in the story for evidence.
- Display finished crafts to create a "Be Yourself!" bulletin board.





Be  
a  
STAR!

You are  
capable of  
AMAZING  
things! ♥

Be Kind  
Be Respectful  
Be Responsible  
Be Safe

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♥ BE YOURSELF! ♥

What makes you unique?

I am creative and love coming  
up with new ideas!



### ★ 1. Beginning Traits ★

At the beginning, Camilla is  
worried because  
she really wants everyone  
to like her and fit in.



### ★ 2. What Happened? ★

An important event in the story  
is when Camilla's body changed  
into colorful stripes because  
she is worried about what  
others think of her.



### ★ 3. Feelings & Actions ★

This event made Camilla feel scared,  
so she tried to change  
herself to please  
everyone.



### ★ 4. Ending Traits ★

At the end, Camilla is  
confident. I know  
because she decides to be  
herself instead of worrying.



### ★ 5. Theme ★

The story teaches us to be yourself.  
I know this because  
Camilla becomes happy  
when she finally accepts  
who she is.



### PROVE IT! 🔍

Text Evidence:  
Camilla finally admits  
she likes lima beans  
and stops trying to please  
everyone.



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♥ BE YOURSELF! ♥

What makes you unique?

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✂ Cut out the cards. Write your answers on each card. ✂



### ☆ 1. Beginning Traits ☆

At the beginning, Camilla is

\_\_\_\_\_, because  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



### ☆ 2. What Happened? ☆

An important event in the story  
is when \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



### ☆ 3. Feelings & Actions ☆

This event made Camilla feel \_\_\_\_\_,  
so she \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### ☆ 4. Ending Traits ☆

At the end, Camilla is

\_\_\_\_\_. I know  
because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



### ☆ 5. Theme ☆

The story teaches us \_\_\_\_\_.  
I know this because  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



### PROVE IT! 🔍

Text Evidence:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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