Reading Crown Activity

This signature WRAD activity is a great way to make the read aloud a dynamic experience.

**Materials:**
- Brown paper bags and/or the crown template provided on the next page
- Markers, colored pencils, crayons
- Scissors
- Stapler or tape (only for use with the crown template page)

**Directions (for brown paper bags):**

1. At the closed end of the brown paper bag, fold the loose flap down towards the bottom side of the bag.

2. Now, fold the entire bag in half (hot dog-style).

3. Use scissors to cut a sideways “V” (>) into the corners of the thick end (the flap) of the bag.

4. Open the bag. One end should now have the spikes of the crown. Carefully fold the bottom end (without the spikes) about one inch up and over itself, to create a comfortable, wearable crown.

5. Ask students to use the markers, colored pencils, and/or crayons to decorate the crown. Some prompts might be: *what does the inside of your mind look like while you are reading? who are your favorite characters from your favorite stories? what are some of your own stories?*

**Directions (for crown template on next page):**

1. Print the template on an 8.5” x 11” sheet of paper and cut along all of the solid lines.

2. Join the two pieces together on one end so that the points match up, and then connect the pieces with a stapler or tape.

3. Ask students to use the markers, colored pencils, and/or crayons to decorate the crown.

4. Join the two ends of the crown strip together and connect them with a stapler or tape.