



Q & A Webinar with Author Shabazz Larkin



"WE BECOME WHAT WE PAY ATTENTION TO."

- SHABAZZ LARKIN

Now is the time to teach others what we have learned about bees and their many benefits! And Shabazz Larkin has done just that in his delightful children's book *The Thing About Bees: A Love Letter*. In this pre-recorded webinar, we discuss his passion for learning, his process for writing as well as simple things we can all do to save bees in our own backyards!

This unique webinar is available on [The Bee Cause Project Facebook](#) page as well as [The Bee Cause Project YouTube](#) channel for educators, students, and families to explore. The student-driven Q & A portion stirs up some great conversation, connecting bees with food with art with kids.

GETTING STARTED

If you are interested in sharing this book and webinar experience with students, follow these easy steps to prepare your audience.

- Read the book [The Thing About Bees: A Love Letter](#) with your audience, available through [Readers to Eaters](#).
- Discuss what your audience would want to ask the author. Write down some of the questions that are shared. Compare your student's questions with the questions from the webinar.
- Things to consider when prompting questions: Is this something the author could answer? Are we looking for facts or opinions? What is this author an expert on? Does this question help us create a good conversation?
- Enjoy the pre-recorded webinar with Shabazz Larkin and The Bee Cause Project! 26.18 minutes
- Have more questions for the author? You can text your questions to 615-488-3664 to ask Shabazz himself. This is an amazing way to connect with this incredible author!

SCRIPTED Q & A PORTION FROM THE WEBINAR

- How did the book start? What was your biggest inspiration?
- Dean wants to know why you chose bees to write about?
- Arman wants to know how long did it take you to research the bees?
- Ellie wants to know have you been stung by a bee and are you still afraid of bees?
- Virginia wants to know what is your favorite bee?
- Eliza was wondering how many times did you have to draw the pictures to make them look good?
- Molly wants to know if the book helped your boys learn not to be afraid of bees?
- Bodie wants to know if you always wanted to be an author?
- Krissie wants a second book! What do you think you write about next?
- I want to know what we can do to help bees in our own communities?
- What would you recommend for kids who are interested in writing their own books? How should they get started?

LESSON EXTENSIONS

You too can help your students have a Q & A with the author! Choose another book from our [Bee Friendly Reading List](#), write your own questions as a class, and reach out to the publishing company to find the best way to submit your questions. Many publishing companies are eager to put their authors in touch with their followers through social media and beyond!

For the full Book Club Challenge Lesson Plan for *The Thing About Bees: A Love Letter*, go to thebeecause.org. Access our Resources Library to find The Bee Cause Book Club, including Educator's and Student's Guide for this title and many other recommendations. Our lessons include pre and post-reading discussion questions, engaging assessment activities, printable templates, and are all ELA Common Core Standards aligned.

Want more of The Bee Cause Project? Join our [OER Commons Group](#) for curriculum, virtual field trips, additional book club challenges, and the very best in pollinator education experiences! It's as easy as creating your free account and requesting a free membership!

“YOUR CURIOSITY CAN SAVE THE WORLD.”

- SHABAZZ LARKIN