

Patricia Polacco Biography

- 1.) Where was Patricia Polacco born and what year? _____

- 2.) What learning disability did Mrs. Polacco have to deal with in school? _____

- 3.) How does she describe this learning disability? _____

- 4.) How old was Patricia Polacco when she began her writing career? _____
- 5.) What form of art does Mrs. Polacco love? _____
- 6.) What is Mrs. Polacco's graduate degree in? _____
- 7.) Who does Mrs. Polacco credit with influencing her life and work? _____
- 8.) What does Mrs. Polacco write about mainly? _____
- 9.) Mrs. Polacco talks about creators having a "voice" inside of them. In fact she says we ALL have this voice. What does she say comes from this "voice"? _____
- 10.) What does she say electronic screens do to the "voice"? _____

- 11.) What is the name of Mrs. Polacco's home and why did she name it that? _____

12.) Look on Mrs. Polacco's website under "Inspirations" and see if which books inspired her. Which books/authors on that site have you read? What books have inspired you? _____

13.) What do you think of Mrs. Polacco's work and which book did you like the most? _____

Answers

- 1.) Patricia Polacco was born in Lansing, Michigan in 1944.
- 2.) She had dyslexia.
- 3.) She describes dyslexia as being "trapped inside a body that wouldn't do what everybody else could do."
- 4.) She was 41 years old.
- 5.) She loves Icon art.
- 6.) Her graduate degree is in Icon restoration.
- 7.) She credits her grandparents with influencing her life and work.
- 8.) She mainly writes about her family and childhood memories.
- 9.) Mrs. Polacco says our "inspired thoughts" comes from this "voice"?
- 10.) She says that electronic screens (such as the T.V.) "drowns out the voice".
- 11.) Mrs. Polacco named her home "Meteor Ridge Farm". Have your child click on "My Home" to find the explanation:
http://www.patriciapolacco.com/author/my_home/my_home.html
See if your library has her picture book *Meteor!* about this event:
http://www.patriciapolacco.com/books/meteor/meteor_index.html
- 12.) <http://www.patriciapolacco.com/author/inspirations/inf.html>