Rise of the Earth Dragon, (Dragon Masters #1)
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Drake lived a simple life on a farm until he is taken to a wizard in a castle where he learns he might be a Dragon Master!
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Introduction: Imagine going from a boring life on a farm to being a Dragon Master in one day! That is just what happens to Drake in this book. Just as quickly as life changes, he is faced with a new challenge: meeting his own dragon and discovering if his dragon has any powers.

Story time Activities:
Have students imagine their own dragon. Which kind of dragon would it be? What kind of powers would it have? Have students draw their creation and share it with the class.

Read the other SSYRA Jr. dragon book, There Was an Old Dragon Who Swallowed a Knight. Compare and contrast the dragon in that book to Worm.
**Discussion Questions:**

1. Who does Drake first encounter in the castle?
   Drake opens the door to have Rori’s dragon Vulcan blow fire at him. (p. 9 HB)

2. Why do the children train in secret?
   The king does not want anyone to know about the dragons. (p. 42 HB)

3. What does Drake dream about his first night at the castle? What does the dream mean?
   He dreams about Worm in a cave with other dragons like him. There is an explosion and the dragons leave, except for Worm. (p.38 HB) It turns out Drake was really seeing how Worm was captured by the king’s soldiers (p. 58 HB)

4. Why did Worm tell Drake not to go in the tunnel? How do they escape the tunnel?
   He knew the tunnel would collapse. (p. 75 HB) They escape when Worm glows and makes turns the rocks to dust his mind. (p. 83 HB)

5. Why does Worm go into the tunnel with Drake even if he knows it is dangerous?

6. Why does Drake’s Dragon Stone glow?
   Drake’s Dragon Stone glows because he has a strong connection with Worm and can communicate with him. (p. 88 HB)

7. What does the glowing light in the cave the children saw mean?
   Griffith tells them the red ball of light might mean danger (p. 90 HB)
   What kind of danger do you think is coming?

8. Do you think King Roland is good or bad?
   Possible good reasons: he feeds the children whatever they want. He cares for his subjects. He allows the children to write letters home.
   Possible bad reasons: he takes the children from their families. He captured the dragons. He hides the children and dragons. Griffith the wizard lies to the king's men about the children going out of the castle.

9. Why do you think the Dragon Masters confess to Griffith that it was their idea to bring the dragons outside?

10. Do you think Griffith the wizard has powers? What might they be?