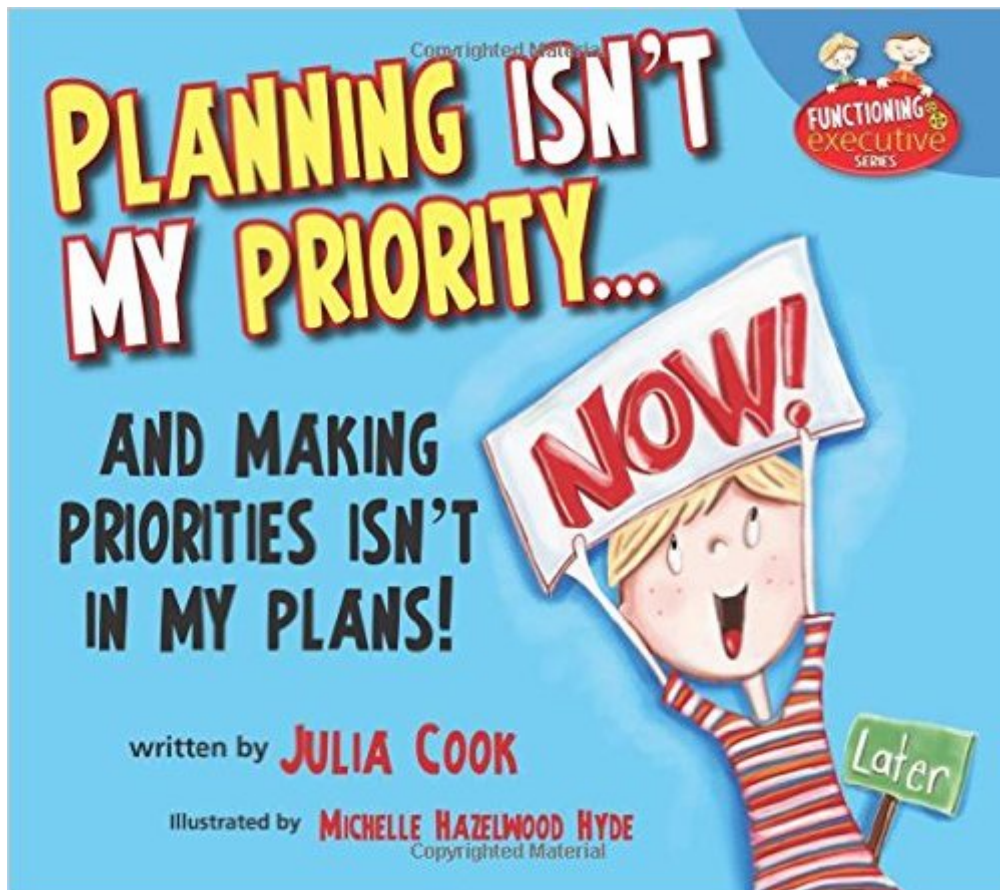


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# Planning Isn't My Priority (Functioning Executive)



## Synopsis

Cletus and Bocephus are back! While working on their science fair project on mealworms, they learn to appreciate and understand each other's strengths and weaknesses. Creativity needs structure and structure needs creativity... and Cletus and Bocephus BOTH need to know how to plan and prioritize! "You learn from mistakes and use what you learn, so you don't make those mistakes again. Every time you play a video game, you plan and prioritize to WIN!" Planning and prioritizing are two of the most difficult executive function skills for people to master. Planning effectively is the thinking skill that helps an individual develop strategies to accomplish goals. It allows a person to think about completing a task before it is started. Life is all about making choices. Prioritizing effectively helps a person make the best choices possible. Time is a limited commodity. To get the most out of your time and accomplish all that you need to do, you have to be able to plan and prioritize both on a long and short-term basis. This storybook is the second in the "Functioning Executive" book series. It highlights the importance of planning and prioritizing. It also spotlights the unique differences and strengths that live in all of us. This book will help teach children to determine the necessary steps, in order, towards fulfilling a goal which is a vital executive function skill. Children who possess effective prioritizing skills can learn to manage not only daily responsibilities, but also how to prepare for future success.

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## Customer Reviews

I was provided a copy of this book by the publisher National Center for Youth Issues in exchange for an honest review on . I am a parent of three kids, ages six, five, and three. I also teach third grade at a high poverty school in Indiana. I have found several of Julia Cook's books useful to teach with to both my class and my kids. This book, *Planning Isn't My Priority*, has a character that many kids- and adults- can relate to. Cletus likes to "live in the moment". He does not like to solve what needs to be done next. He wants to enjoy the now and not be worried about the later. Sound familiar? Procrastination, or lack of preparation towards the future, is something so many people struggle with. As you read through the story you see all the problems Cletus has to deal with because he did not think ahead. He puts homework off, forgets a tent when hiking, doesn't bring a swim suit when needed, etc. | Cletus ends up getting partnered with Bocephus for a science fair project. Bocephus happens to be a master planner- the opposite of Cletus. As you would assume, both boys have struggles working with someone who is the exact opposite. I like how this book shows you both sides from the boy's perspective. I also love that, while the parents provide suggestions and support, the two kids solve a lot of the problems together. By the end BOTH boys have learned lessons about planning and working together. While I feel the book works best as a read aloud for elementary aged students, it can also be used as an independent read. The last two pages have further tips for parents or educators to teach kids to plan and prioritize. Several of these tips would be great to talk about and try to implement together. Conversation and discussion are vital to these tips.

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