

**Dora the Explorer is the visionary and role model we all need and I'm dying  
on that hill or at least going over it to get to the river and treasure chest.**

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She is always ready to go somewhere and do something. She doesn't care  
If her companion is a monkey with only boots on. She is fine talking to  
a know-it-all mansplaining map.

She will codeswitch when needed. She looks ahead but not

Consistently. Sometimes she just looks you in the eye and remembers  
that the connection is what is most important–

Do you see a mountain?--  
even if it means  
she will lose her way.

She was born thinking ahead (she has a catchphrase for anticipated theft)  
and she is ready to mediate  
a way out of any awkward situations.

Witch stole the prince? Bunch of rowdy pirate pigs? Give her fifteen minutes.

My favorite part:

She thinks in threes, gaming the process so that once you have two things done  
you are more than half way through. Really it's genius. I want all things  
to come at me in threes now.

Sticks the landing, then celebrates. Always.