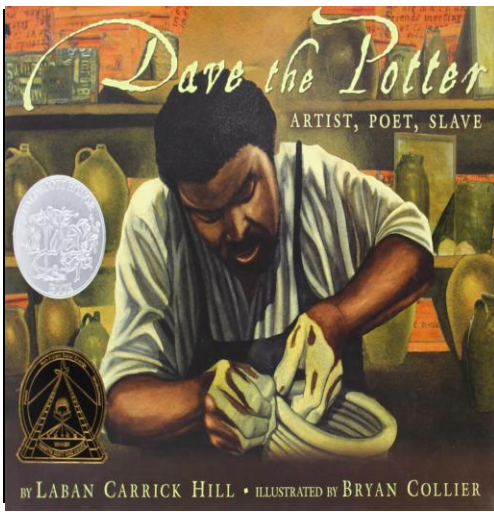
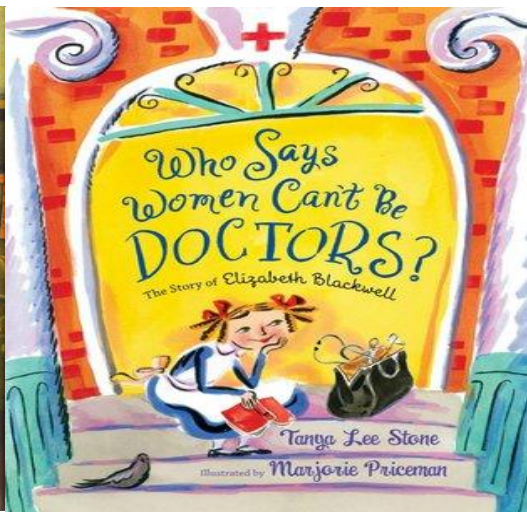


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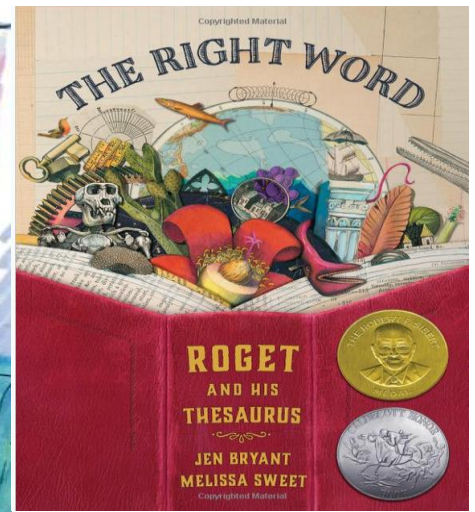
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The Standards



Questions to Ask with Students



RL: 3. Describe in depth a character, setting, or event in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (i.e., a character's thoughts, words, or actions.)

Dave the Potter and *Who Says Women Can't be Doctors?*

Describe Dave's character and the setting where he lived.

Describe Elizabeth Blackwell's character and the setting where she lived.

Both Dave and Elizabeth could be considered brave. How were they brave and what contributions did they offer to our society?

RI: 3. Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.

Who Says Women Can't Be Doctors?

What event in Elizabeth Blackwell's life sparked her desire to become a doctor? Why was this a difficult undertaking? Who allowed her to doct or them?

The Right Word

Peter Roget also became a doctor. He struggled to begin his career as a doctor as well. Why? Who did he begin helping early in his doctoring career?

RI: 8. Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a book.

The Right Word

Peter Roget's family moved often when he was a child. What did Peter become very fond of in his childhood? What evidence does the author/illustrator use to show this?

RI: 5. Describe the overall structure (i.e., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in a text or part of a text.

Dave the Potter, *Who Says Women Can't be Doctors?* and *The Right Word*

With a partner, find the birth and death dates of the three main characters of each book and create a time line with dates beginning with 1770 and ending with 1910. Use increments of 10 years. Plot the dates on the time line.

RI: 2. Determine the main idea of a text and explain how it is supported by key details; summarize the text.

The Right Word

What is Peter Roget best known for today? Give three examples which the author and/or illustrator of this book used to demonstrate this. Write a list of your choice during Journal time.