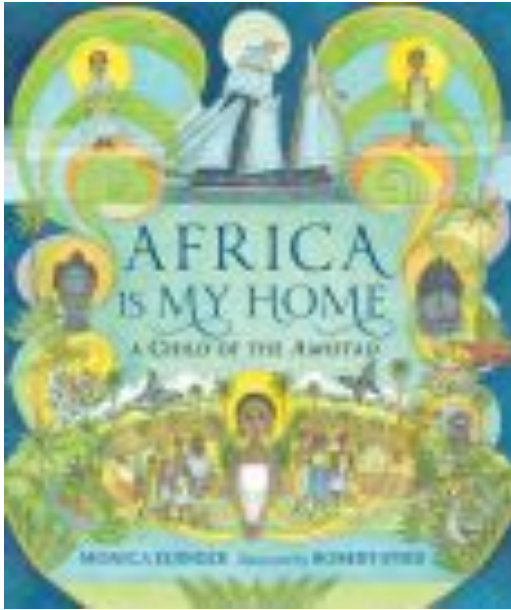


PICTURE BOOK EXTENDER: Read-Alouds Aligned to Common Core

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Grade 6 Discussion Questions

RI 6.2 Determine a central idea of a text and how it is conveyed through particular details; provide a summary of the text distinct from personal opinions or judgments.

What is one theme of the book? Is there more than one theme that appears as you read the book?

RI 6.5 Analyze how a particular sentence, paragraph, chapter, or section fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the ideas.

Look at pages 8 and 9 - What do you think the author was trying to convey to the reader at this point in the book? Do you think the words and the layout of those words paint a clear picture for you the reader?

Africa is My Home

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This is the story of a young girl from West Africa, Sarah, who is taken, along with other young children and adults, to Cuba and from there sold into slavery. On the slave ship, the Amistad, the slaves overpowered their captors with the plan to return to Africa. The ship was instead diverted to New England, where for two years, the captors were introduced to American life and eventually won their freedom and their return to Africa.

Grade 6 Activities

RI 6.7 Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.

Research the African culture and develop your own list of what you would find that is different from anything you would see in your home country.

RI 6.9 Compare and contrast one author's presentation of events with that of another (e.g., a memoir written by and a biography on the same person).

Read the book *Amistad: A Long Road to Freedom* by Walter Dean Myers and describe how the stories are similar and different in their approach.