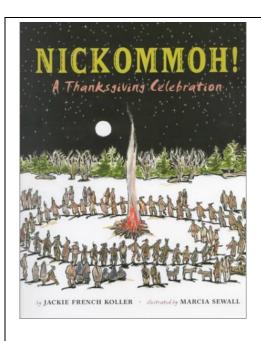
PICTURE BOOK EXTENDER: Nickommoh! A Thanksgiving Celebration

Read-Alouds Aligned to Common Core





Grade5 Discussion Questions

RL RI.5.1 -- Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

RI.5.3 -- Explain the relationships or interactions between two or more individuals, events, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text based on specific information in the text.

"The Creator's gifts have been / harvested, dried, and tucked away/ in auqunnash in the / bosom of Earth Mother. They will / provide for the People all through the / long, cold months to come, the long, / cold months of Papone."

- -What words are unfamiliar in this passage?
- -What is this passage saying, in your own words?
- -Why is this significant to our study of Native Americans?

RI.5.6 -- Analyze multiple accounts of the same event or topic, noting important similarities and differences in the point of view they represent.

- -Does the tradition of Nickommoh have similarities to any of our national holidays?
- -Do other cultures have harvest festivals?

RI.5.7-- Draw on information from multiple print or digital sources, demonstrating the ability to locate an answer to a question quickly or to solve a problem efficiently.

-Why is learning about this tradition important to understand, while comparing with the tradition of Thanksgiving we learned about in your history textbook?

-Why is remembering this tradition important?

Nickommoh! A Thanksgiving Celebration

By Jackie French Koller (1999) GRADES for USE: Grades 3-6

SUMMARY OF BOOK:

This book tells of the ancient Native American harvest tradition that predates the Pilgrims first Thanksgiving. Using poetry and rhymes, this book tell the story of the exchange celebration called Nickommoh. The story tells of the neighboring tribes coming together to share in traditions like building sweat lodges, playing traditional games for children, dancing and singing and eating food (even turkey!) that is the fruit of the fall harvest

Grade 5 Activities

RL5.9 Compare and contrast the most important points and key details presented in two texts on the same topic.

W. 5.9- Conduct a short research project to build knowledge and synthesize information.

-It is time to compare and contrast the traits of Nickommoh and Thanksgiving. Design a presentation that focuses on one aspect of either Nickommoh or Thanksgiving, and become an expert on that topic. Present your findings in class.

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