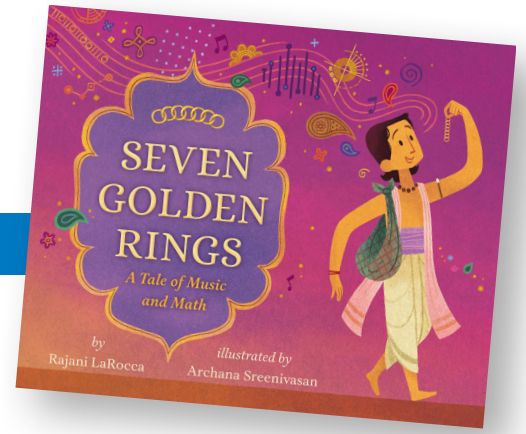


Seven Golden Rings: A Tale of Music and Math



A RIF GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

Themes: Aspirations, Family, Perseverance, Problem Solving

Book Brief: In ancient India, a boy named Bhagat travels to the rajah's city, hoping to ensure his family's prosperity by winning a place at court as a singer.

Content Connections: Math, Music

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TIME TO READ!



BEFORE WE READ LET'S LOOK AT...

The Cover: Read the title. Ask students to make predictions about how this story will use music and math to solve problems.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk through the book. Tell students that this story takes place in ancient India. Ask students how details from the pictures can teach them about life in ancient India.

Content Specific Vocabulary: rajah, kingdom, rupee, innkeeper, sari, goldsmith

Purpose for Reading: Say to students, "As we read, think about how Bhagat uses music and math to solve problems."

WHILE WE READ

MONITORING FOR COMPREHENSION

- Why are people in the rajah's kingdom suffering?
- What does Bhagat see that gives him hope?
- Why does Amma give Bhagat her golden wedding necklace?
- Why does Bhagat have the goldsmith break the third link in the chain?
- What happens when Bhagat sings for the rajah?
- How does the innkeeper's wife help Bhagat?
- What happens to Amma and Bhagat at the end of the story?



LET'S THINK ABOUT

Our Purpose: How do music and math help Bhagat throughout the story? Ask students to share what connections they see between music and math?

Extending Our Thinking: What does it mean to use everyday math to solve problems? Ask students to think about and share ways that they can use everyday math to solve problems in their own lives.

NOTE TO EDUCATORS

- Extension Activities for Educators are also available.
- Vocabulary Scaffolding sheet also available.