

# Dreamers

## RIF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES FOR EDUCATORS

INTERDISCIPLINARY THEMES: ART, GEOGRAPHY, READING, WRITING

### READING

#### MEDIA CENTER SCAVENGER HUNT

Take inspiration from the text and explore the media center in your school. Create a scavenger hunt to encourage your students to find books about various topics (e.g., space, birds, sports) and in various genres (e.g., biography, fiction, poetry). Have each student select a favorite found book and do a book talk about it.

### ART

#### CLASS MURAL

The characters in *Dreamers* are shown drawing the things they learn about and imagine. Make a class mural on a wall or a large piece of butcher paper to showcase the many things your students have learned and read about this year. If necessary, provide outlines or tracing guidelines for the items and allow your students to draw in the colors.

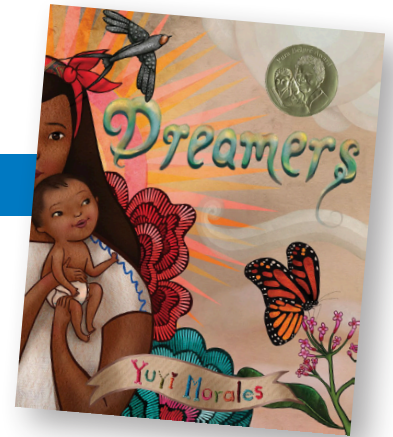


### WRITING

#### WHAT IS HOME?

What defines home for your students? Using the text as an example, talk about how home can mean many things: a physical house, a country, a group of people. Have your students reflect on what home means to them and write a paragraph, story, or poem about it.

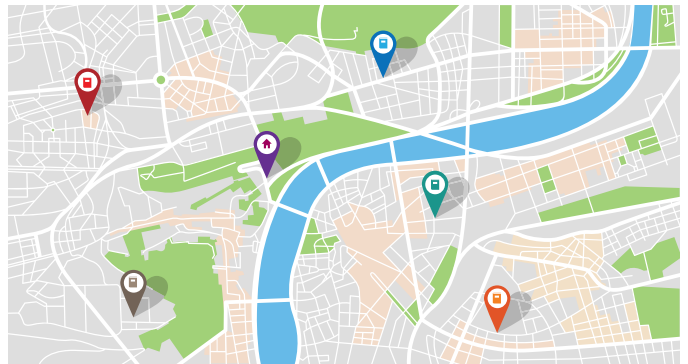
*Like the sun rises  
Each morning and sets each night,  
family is home*



### GEOGRAPHY

#### MAP SURROUNDING LIBRARIES

Talk about the dreamers walking around their neighborhood and finding the library. Then, using mapping software and a radius based on miles, discover and document all the libraries in your area. If possible, arrange a field trip to one of the libraries or attend a virtual library event.



### ART, WRITING

#### PICTURE (ONLY) BOOK

Have students create a book that tells a story using only pictures and no text. Provide paper and coloring materials and challenge students to communicate an entire story – including beginning, middle, and end – only through their illustrations.

