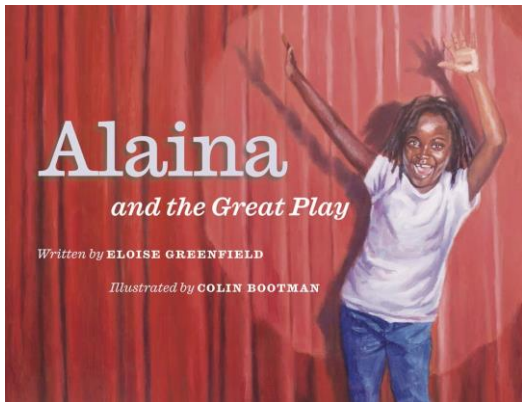


Discussion Guide for Families



Alaina and the Great Play

Author: Eloise Greenfield

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Themes: Theater, Joy, Family, Expression

Book Brief: A story about a young girl's excitement and imaginative adventure as she prepares for her school play, showing the power of creativity and family support.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Model how to connect to the story by sharing your own experiences or thoughts about performing or watching plays and theater. Consider questions such as, "Have you ever seen a play or participated in one? What was it like?" and "How do you think actors feel when they're on stage?"

While Reading: Make Connections

- Encourage empathy and understanding by discussing Alaina's feelings and actions throughout the book. Ask, "How does Alaina feel about her role in the play?" Or "What do you notice about Alaina's family and how they support her?" This fosters a deeper connection to the characters and their experiences.

After Reading: Ask Questions

- What part of Alaina's story did you like best and why?
- If you could be in a play, what role would you want to play?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

- Writing and performing your own play. This activity encourages creativity and self-expression.
- Creating costumes or props for a play. This could be for the play you write together or inspired by "Alaina and the Great Play."