



Miss Martin is a Martian

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Imagination, Curiosity, Humor

Book Brief: Melvin Eugene Baxter is convinced that his new teacher, Miss Martin, is a Martian. It is his mission to stop her before she takes over the planet. After completing his investigation, he realizes she isn't a Martian after all. But maybe she's a superhero from Saturn...

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BEFORE READING

The Cover: Ask students to make a prediction about the story based on the cover and the title.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk. Ask students what they notice about the style of the pages.

Prior Knowledge: Ask, "Have you ever been curious about something? What did you do to find out the answer?"

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read, think about how Melvin's feelings about Miss Martin changes over time."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What is the boy's mission?
- Why Melvin think Miss Martin is a Martian? What evidence does he have?
- Have you ever had an opinion about someone that changed over time?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: How do Melvin's feelings change about Miss Martin throughout the story? Why?

Extending Our Thinking: [What's My Character Thinking?](#) In pairs or groups, have students complete this graphic organizer to deepen their understanding of how Melvin's thoughts affected his opinion of Miss Martin.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.