



Pirate Bob

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Friendship, Courage, Acceptance

Book Brief: A heartwarming picture book about a pirate who prefers peace and friendship over typical pirate behavior. Through Bob's adventures, young readers learn the importance of staying true to themselves and making kind choices.

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BEFORE READING

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

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about Pirate Bob and his differences.

Prior Knowledge: Ask, "What is a pirate?" "What kind of things do Pirates do and/or like?"

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

Purpose for Reading: "Today, we are going to read a story about a pirate who is unlike any other pirate you've ever heard of. As we read, think about how Pirate Bob is different from the other pirates and how he chooses to live."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- How is Pirate Bob feeling here? What does he want to do?
- Why do you think Pirate Bob doesn't want to be like the other pirates?
- What does Pirate Bob do instead of fighting? What does this tell us about him?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: Why do you think Pirate Bob doesn't want to be a typical pirate? What can we learn from Pirate Bob about being ourselves?

Extending Our Thinking: Have students design their own "Peaceful Pirate Ship" by drawing a picture of a pirate ship that represents kindness and friendship instead of fighting. Encourage students to write a few sentences describing how their ship promotes courage and acceptance, just like Pirate Bob's choices in the story.

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.