



The Bone-Hunter

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Curiosity, Discovery, Paleontology

Book Brief: The true tale of a little girl and the amazing prehistoric creatures she discovered!

Author:
Storytime

Illustrator:
Miriam Serafin

BEFORE READING

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

The Pictures: Take a quick picture walk and ask students what they notice about the illustrations.

Prior Knowledge: Ask, "What do you know about dinosaurs and fossils? How do we learn about animals that lived long ago?" Explain to students that this story is about real events, but it is told like a story with characters, a setting, and events in order.

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying Vocabulary Guide.

Purpose for Reading: "As we read, think about the main idea of Mary's story and the important lesson we can learn from her discoveries."



Think Aloud: "Mary was curious about fossils and dedicated herself to finding them. Her discoveries helped scientists understand prehistoric life in new ways. The main idea is that curiosity and persistence can lead to important discoveries."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What does Mary love to do as a young girl?
- Where does she search for fossils?
- What important discoveries does Mary make?
- Why are her discoveries significant to science?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: "What is the main idea of Mary's story? What important lesson can we learn from her life as a paleontologist?"

Extending Our Thinking: Ask students, "What are you curious about in science or nature? How could you explore your questions?" Encourage students to choose a scientific topic they're curious about (dinosaurs, ocean animals, space, weather, plants, etc.) and create a simple research project. They can write 3-5 facts they learn, draw an illustration, and share one question they still have about their topic. Students can present their mini-research to the class and discuss how asking questions leads to learning.

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- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
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