



Star Boy

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Following Your Dreams, Music

Book Brief: The inspiring true story of David Bowie as a young boy, who discovered his love for music and dance and dreamed of becoming a rock and roll star!

Author:
Storytime

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Veronica Carratello

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 dream of becoming when you grow up? What are you passionate about?" 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, pay attention to the important events in David's life. Think about how each event connects to help him follow his dream of becoming a rock and roll star."



Think Aloud: "David's love of dancing and music leads to his dad giving him records, which inspires him to want to be a star. He forms a band with friends, and their first performance confirms he's found his passion. Each step builds toward his dream."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- Describe Davie as a kid. What does he love to do?
- What special gift does David's dad give him?
- Why does one record change David's life forever?
- What does David do with his friends who also love music?
- How does David feel during his first performance?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: "What were the important events in David's life? How did each event connect to help him become a rock and roll star?"

Extending Our Thinking: Ask students, "What kind of music do you love to listen to? How does it make you feel?" Connect David's life-changing experience with rock and roll to discovering personal music preferences. Have students share their favorite type of music or song, then discuss how music can inspire us and bring people together, just like it did for David and his friends.

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