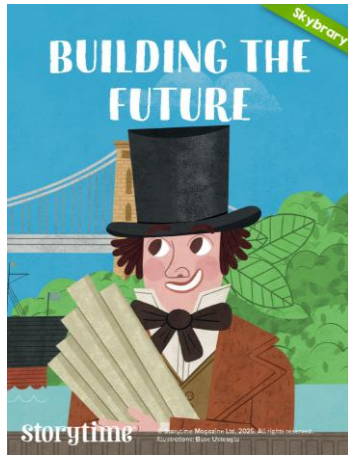


Read Aloud Guide for Families



Building the Future

Author: Storytime

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Themes: STEM, Innovation, Problem-Solving

Book Brief: The true story of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, a boy with an unusual name who discovered his passion for building and engineering through his father's influence!

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, "Have you ever watched someone do their job or work? What did they teach you?"
- Explain to your child that this story is about a real boy named Isambard Kingdom Brunel who loved learning from his father and grew up to build amazing things that changed the world.

While Reading: Make Connections

- What does Isambard love to do with his father? What does his dad teach him?
- What problem does Isambard notice about bridges? How does his dad help him get an idea?
- What does Isambard learn at school? How does he impress his father with his drawings and map?
- What dangerous project does Isambard work on when he's sixteen? How does he use his skills?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "How did Isambard's learning and curiosity help him become a great builder? What does this teach us about following our interests?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Design and build something together. Give your child paper, blocks, or recyclable materials and have them design their own bridge, tunnel, or building. Talk about how engineers like Isambard solve problems by drawing, planning, and using math, just like he did.
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