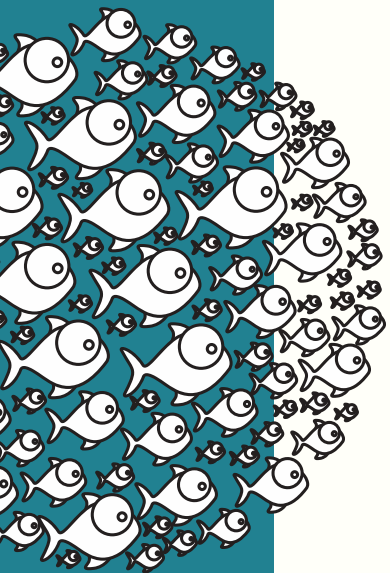
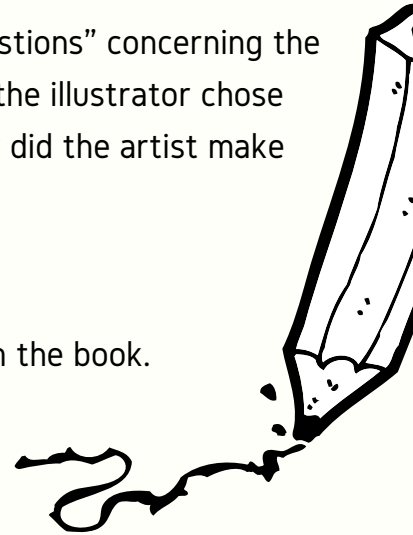


How to turn ANY book into a unit study!

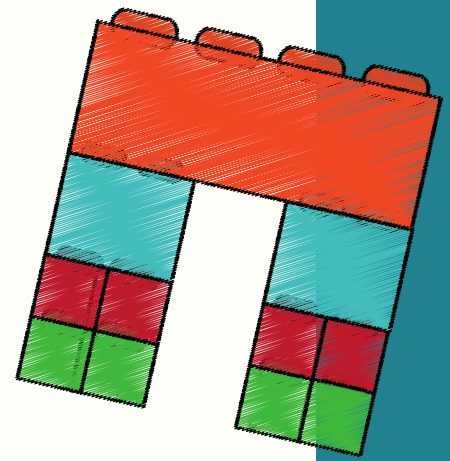
Read a favorite storybook, and then ...



- Ask easy questions about what happened in the story and its location.
- Look at the illustrations. Take time to appreciate the art and style. Ask, “What techniques do you see? What colors stand out to you?”
- For older students can ask more “why and how questions” concerning the art and style. Questions like: “Why do you think the illustrator chose this medium, color, style or viewpoint?” or “How did the artist make it look like nighttime?”
- Get out art supplies, and draw your own scene from the book.
- Make a list of story events and outline the story.
- Create a timeline of events. Discuss the amount of time covered in the story.
- Search the story for math elements like size, measure, time, and money.
- Learn more about the animals in the book. Search for kids-friendly, YouTube videos on animal facts and habitats.
- Create a vocabulary list of unique or interesting words.
- Find the location of the story on a map or globe.
- Write a paragraph about the main theme of the book, such as friendship, honor, or hope.
- Think of other books with similar themes. Compare and contrast what’s different and what’s the same.



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- Create a 3-D scene from the story with clay, Legos, or blocks.
- Act out a scene from the story (create costumes, too!).
- Pay attention to literary devices like poetry and repetition (repeating words and phrases).



- Study the geography and culture of the storybook.
- Figure out how many years ago the story took place.
- Look for unique science elements such as gravity, buoyancy, reflections of light, health, and safety.
- Discuss the human relationships in the books.
- Learn about what other things were happening during that time in history
- Create an I Spy Game, looking for small details in the book.
- Discuss weather elements.
- Take note of the architecture.
- Take a virtual field trip to the location.
- Let your children come up with more ideas, too!



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