

# 111 Trees:

How One Village Celebrates the Birth of Every Girl

## A RIF GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

**Themes:** Community, Environment, Equality, Family

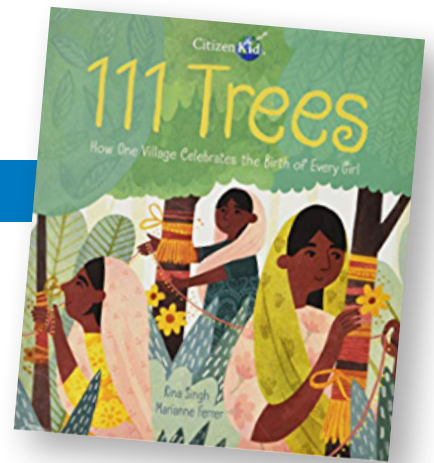
**Grade Level:** Kindergarten to 3rd grade

**Book Brief:** A man dreams of a better life for everyone in his village. When his eldest daughter dies, he plants a tree in her honor and that action sparks his great legacy: the planting of 111 trees for every girl born in the village.

**Content Connections:** Science, Social Studies

**Author:** Rina Singh

**Illustrator:** Marianne Ferrer



## TIME TO READ!



### BEFORE WE READ LET'S LOOK AT...

**The Cover:** Read the title and subtitle. Ask students what they think the people on the cover are celebrating and what it looks like they are doing.

**Prior Knowledge:** How have your students seen babies celebrated in books and media? Make a list of ways to welcome babies into the world. Tell them

that they will learn one more special way from the book you are about to read.

**Vocabulary:** well, mining, engineer

**Purpose for Reading:** Say to students, "As we read, think about how Sundar's plan to plant trees helped everyone in the village."

## WHILE WE READ

### MONITORING FOR COMPREHENSION

- What happened to Sundar when he was a child that inspired him to care about family and trees?
- How does Sundar's job help him think about nature and the environment?
- What are some of the challenges Sundar's village faces?
- How does the death of Sundar's eldest daughter affect his actions in the community?
- What was the idea that improved many of the village's problems?

- How did Sundar's idea honor girls in the village?
- Did the benefits of the 111 trees program happen quickly?



## LET'S THINK ABOUT

**Our Purpose:** Sometimes, one idea solves many problems. Ask students to think about a program or project, such as a summer reading challenge, that helps more than one person or group of people.

**Extending Our Thinking:** Engineers work in many different areas on a big variety of projects. In addition to irrigation projects, how can engineering

projects (e.g., building bridges, roads, and housing) help entire communities?

### NOTE TO EDUCATORS

- Extension Activities for Educators are also available.
- Vocabulary Scaffolding sheet also available.