

The Curly Tailed Lion

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Animals, Culture, Art

Book Brief: A lion becomes a superstar in the Netherlands, but being famous is no fun.

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Storytime

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BEFORE READING

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

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice.

Prior Knowledge: Ask, "What do you know about the Netherlands?" Share some cool facts about the Netherlands with students.

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read, think about the effect that having a symbol had on the Netherlands. How did it strengthen them?"

DURING READING

Check for understanding and make connections:

- What was the lion's life like before he was taken to the Netherlands?
- How would a real lion have behaved if he was captured and asked to pose for paintings?
- How did the lion become so popular?
- What would you have done if you were in the lion's shoes?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: Ask, "Do you think it is important for countries to have a national symbol? Explain your reason."

Extending Our Thinking: Create a symbol to represent your royal power if you were the king. Share what your symbol represents. Create a chart showing the national symbols of other nations, include what the symbol represents.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.