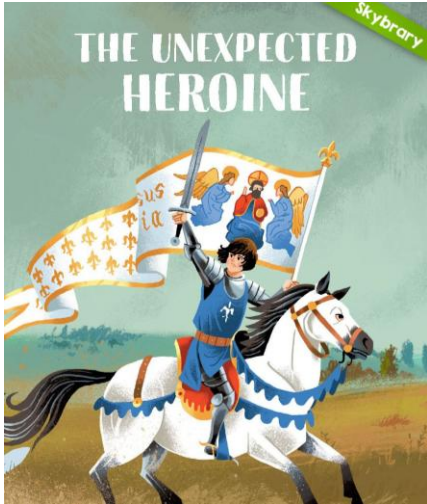


Read Aloud Guide for Families



The Unexpected Heroine

Author: Storytime

Illustrator: Adam Pekalski

Themes: Courage, Heroism

Book Brief: The true tale of a brave girl who fights for her country.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Say, “When something is “unexpected” it means that you didn’t think it would happen. In this story, Joan does something surprising– people didn’t think someone like her could lead soldiers.”

While Reading: Make Connections

- What was happening in France? Describe what life was like.
- Why are Joan and her family feeling scared?
- Have you ever felt like no one believed in you and then you proved them wrong? How did that feel?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- How did Joan show courage?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Design a “hero medal” Joan could receive for her courage, with symbols representing her achievements.
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