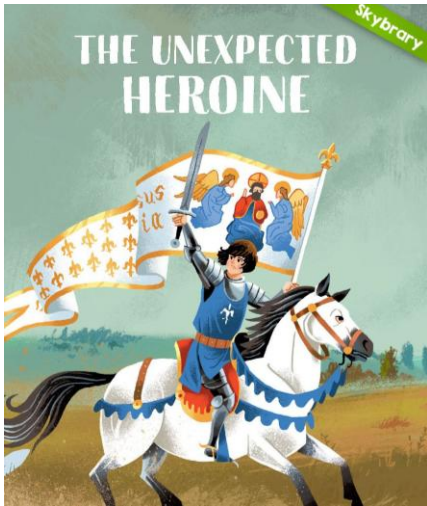


Read Aloud Guide for Families



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.”
- Explain to your child that this story is about real events, but it is told like a story with characters, a setting, and events in order.

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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