



The Fire Inside

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Inspiration, Perseverance, The Arts

Book Brief: The true story of boy named Vincent and how he found his inspiration!

Author:
Storytime

Illustrator:
Lily Fosset

BEFORE READING

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

The Pictures: Take a quick picture walk and ask students what they notice about the illustrations.

Prior Knowledge: Ask, “What does it mean to feel inspired? What activities or ideas make you feel excited and motivated?” Explain to students that this story is about real events, but it is told like a story with characters, a setting, and events in order.

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

Purpose for Reading: “As we read, pay attention to what Vincent tries and how he discovers what makes him feel most alive and creative.”



Think Aloud: I notice that Vincent doesn't give up even when things are difficult. He keeps searching until he finds what truly inspires him—his art. This shows me that finding your passion sometimes takes time and trying different things.

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What different things does Vincent try as he searches for his passion?
- How does Vincent feel when he is creating art?
- What challenges does Vincent face, and how does he respond to them?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: “How did Vincent discover his inspiration? What did he learn about himself along the way?”

Extending Our Thinking: Ask students, “What activities make you feel excited and energized, like art did for Vincent?” Connect Vincent’s journey of exploration and discovery to how we all have different talents and interests that light us up inside, and have students reflect on their own sources of inspiration. Encourage students to try something new this week—whether it’s drawing, writing, building, dancing, or exploring nature—and journal about how it made them feel and whether it sparked any new ideas or interests.

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