

The Kingdom of the Ogres

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Adventure, Travel, Fantasy

Book Brief: A shipwrecked cook must make friends with monsters.

Author:

Storytime

Illustrator:

Daniel Sanders



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, "Have you ever read a story where someone travels to a strange or unknown place? What makes that journey exciting or scary?"

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

Purpose for Reading: "As we read, pay attention to how Minh's family experiences the challenges of belonging in two different lands."

DURING READING

Check for understanding and make connections:

- Why did Minh take a job on a merchant ship?
- What job would you have if you worked on a ship? What would you have in your sea chest?
- What would you do with the things you selected in your sea chest to prevent the ogres from eating you up?
- How can you show that you are proud of your homeland?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: "How does Minh's family experience challenges with belonging in two different lands? What moments in the story show this?"

Extending Our Thinking: Learn more about Vietnam, located in Asia. Students can research key facts about the country's language, culture, and food. Extend thinking further by exploring the languages and cultures represented in our classroom. Engage in activities and discussions that promote respect for and appreciation of diverse cultures. Consider using RIF's Venn Diagram to compare and contrast.

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.