



# The Pirate Princess

## READ ALOUD GUIDE

**Themes:** Adventure, Princess, Travel, Courage, Love

**Book Brief:** A princess finds that being a pirate is more fun than getting married.

**Author:**  
Storytime

**Illustrator:**  
Patrjca Fabicka

## 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, “Do you know what a pirate is? What do pirates do?” (Optional: Think, Pair, Share)

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

**Purpose for Reading:** “As we read, think about the new ideas Leah thinks of when things do not go as planned.”

## DURING READING

### Check for understanding and make connections:

- What problems did Leah face in the story? How did she solve them?
- What did Leah and her crew have to do before other ships stopped fighting with them?
- Do you think that Leah learned how to be a good empress after all her adventures? Explain why you agree or disagree.

## AFTER READING

**Our Purpose:** “What new ideas did Leah come up with when things didn’t go as planned? How might you use one of her ideas in your own life?”

**Extending Our Thinking:** What do you do when things don’t go as planned? Think of a time when you reacted poorly: what happened, and what might you do differently next time? Encourage students to share their thoughts with a partner.

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.