



The Boy Who Liked Bugs

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: STEM, Curiosity

Book Brief: The true story of a boy who had to catch them all – insects, that is!

Author:
Storytime

Illustrator:
Pedro Riquelme

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 interests or hobbies do you have that you're really passionate about? Have you ever collected anything?" 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 the important events in Charles's life. Think about how each event connects to the next and leads him toward becoming a scientist."



Think Aloud: "Each event in Charles's life connects to the next. His childhood love of insects leads him to find friends who share his interests, and all these experiences deepen his passion for nature, preparing him to become a scientist."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What does Charles love to do as a young boy?
- Why does Charles's father want him to study medicine or become a minister?
- How does meeting students who share his interests change Charles's experience at school?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: "What were the important events in Charles's life? How did each event connect to lead him toward following his dreams and becoming a famous scientist?"

Extending Our Thinking: Ask students, "What are you curious about? How could you learn more about it?" Connect Charles's passion for collecting insects to how curiosity leads to discovery. Encourage students to write or draw about something they're curious about and one way they could explore it (observing, reading, experimenting, or asking questions). Students can share their ideas with the class.

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