

Hand in Hand

A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES



Themes: American History, Multiculturalism, Diversity

Grade Level: 1st to 8th grade

Book Brief: This anthology presents American history through poems from a diverse group of writers.

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading, make predictions: Guess what the poem is about just by looking at the title. (This book is best read in sections.)

Let your child pick out poems to read based on age/interest.)

While reading, pay attention to the style: Notice that some poems rhyme while others do not. Which style do you like most?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Which poem did you identify with most?
- ◆ How did you feel while reading some of the poems?
- ◆ Which poem was most interesting?
- ◆ Why did the author choose the title *Hand in Hand*?



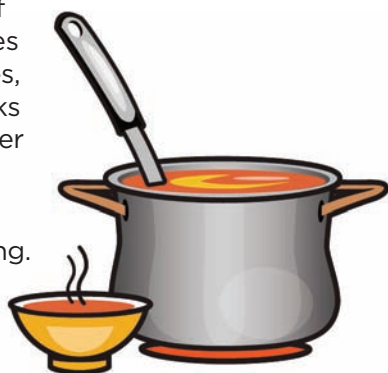
RELATED ACTIVITIES

SOUP'S ON!

After reading "Soup" by Carl Sandburg, let your child help you make vegetable soup!

Ingredients: 2 bottles of tomato juice, 2 packages frozen mixed vegetables, 1 chopped onion, 2 stalks of celery, salt and pepper

Put all ingredients in a large pot and cook over medium heat until boiling. Simmer until you are ready to eat.



HISTORICAL ART

Materials: magazines, scissors, glue, construction paper, paint

Choose one of the nine sections of the book. Use the materials to create a collage that represents the time period. What was happening? What was the transportation like? How did people dress?

Write a poem to go with your collage.

OUT AND ABOUT

Go to the local historical museum to learn more about the history of your town or state. You can also find old pictures of your family and ask older family members to tell you about your family history.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



OTHER POETRY ANTHOLOGIES BY THIS AUTHOR

Amazing Faces (2010), *My America, A Poetry Atlas of the United States* (2000), *Got Geography!* (2006).

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