

Some Kind of Love

A RIF GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

Themes: Love, Family, Relationships, Traditions

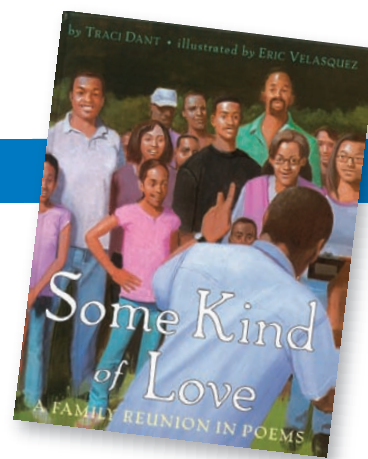
Grade Level: K to 5th grade

Book Brief: A family reunion told through poems.

Author:
Traci Dant

Illustrator:
Eric Velasquez

Content Connections:
Arts, Social Studies



TIME TO READ!

BEFORE WE READ, LET'S LOOK AT...

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the

text based on the title and cover illustrations. Who are the people on the cover? What is the man with his back to us doing? What are the purple flowers on the back cover?

The Pictures: For younger students, take a brief picture walk. Just based on the pictures, what is each poem about? Do the pictures tell the story of the family reunion? Why does that purple flower show up again inside the book?

Prior Knowledge: Ask students if they've ever been to a family reunion or gathering. What kind of things did they do? How did it feel to be surrounded by so many relatives? Do they feel especially close to any relatives?

Vocabulary: (will vary from poem to poem)

Purpose for Reading: Students can synthesize by setting the following purpose: "As we read today, think about how this poem fits in with the rest of the story. What part of the family reunion is this poem talking about?"

**Note: This book will work best if read over a few days rather than all at once.*

WHILE WE READ



MONITORING COMPREHENSION

◆ Who are the characters in this poem?

- ◆ What part of the family reunion is this?
- ◆ What poetic devices does the author use? Can you find examples of figurative language?
- ◆ Why don't these poems rhyme?

LET'S THINK ABOUT

Our Purpose: Revisit the purpose: "How did the storyline tie together through all of the poems? Could you tell what was happening at the reunion?"

Extending Our Thinking: "Some Kind of Love," the title of the book, is repeated in every poem. What does that mean? Is there more than one kind of love? Why does the author say it over and over? Talk about the idea of "some kind of love" as it applies to their own family and friends.

NOTE TO EDUCATORS

- ◆ Extension Activities for Educators also available.
- ◆ Vocabulary Scaffolding Sheet also available.



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