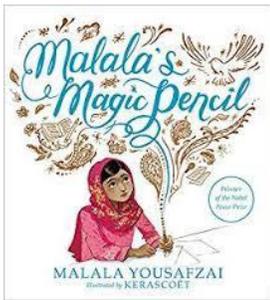


Kids Read, Too! 2021-2022

Junior Companion Book Activities for *Finding Dorothy: a Novel*, by Elizabeth Letts

Our Kids Read, Too! committee has selected some junior companion books for families to read together with the hope that everyone will participate in discussions regarding the importance of using one's strengths and sharing one's story. We are all wizards at something!



***Malala's Magic Pencil*, by Malala Yousafzai**

As a child in Pakistan, Malala made a wish for a magic pencil. She would use it to make everyone happy, to erase the smell of garbage from her city, to sleep an extra hour in the morning. But as she grew older, Malala saw that there were more important things to wish for. She saw a world that needed fixing. And even if she never found a magic pencil, Malala realized that she could still work hard every day to make her wishes come true. (<https://amzn.to/2R7n4gQ>)

Pre-reading:

What does the title make you think about?

How might a pencil be magic? What power does it have?

Picture walk through the book:

How is Malala like you? (She goes to school, has a family, watches TV, etc.)

How is Malala different? (Clothes, where she lives, the foods she eats, etc.)

While reading:

What comes out of Malala's pencil? (dove, glasses, paper, flowers, stars)

Are the items real? What do you think they mean?

What do the things Malala drew tell us about her?

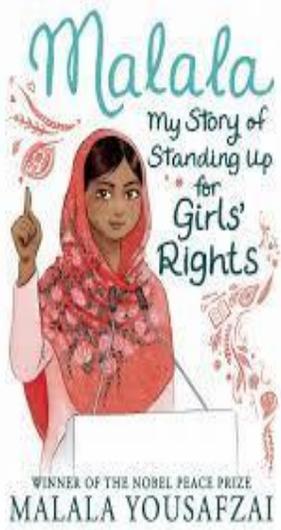
What was Malala a wizard at?

What is your hidden gift?

After reading:

What are some skills you are trying to become a wizard at? What skill are you already a wizard at and why is it your most important?

Listen to *Malala's Magic Pencil* on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uSrC-GNbjQg>



Malala: My Story of Standing up for Girls' Rights,
by Malala Yousafzai, abridged and adapted by Sarah J. Robbins

Raised in a changing Pakistan by an enlightened father from a poor background and a beautiful, illiterate mother, Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes. Her story of bravery and determination in the face of extremism is timelier than ever.

In this edition, Malala tells her story in clear, accessible language perfect for children who are too old for *Malala's Magic Pencil* and too young for her middle-grade memoir. Featuring line art and simplified back matter, *Malala* teaches a new audience the value of speaking out against intolerance and hate: an inspiring message of hope in Malala's own words.

(from <https://amzn.to/2FGoY2z>)

Pre-reading:

What do you know about Malala Yousafzai? What do you know about the history of Pakistan? (Visit the databases provided by CP-HPL and your school libraries or Ducksters.com to learn more about these topics.) Think about Malala's quote, "One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world." How might this relate to the title?

While reading:

Why did Malala speak up about her school and her community?
Why was education so important to Malala?

After reading:

Malala was a wizard at inspiring others. How did Malala use her voice to bring about change? Think about the quote at the beginning of the story. Do you believe one child can really change the world? What are your character strengths (e.g., friendship, perseverance, kindness, etc.)? Why are they important?

For more information regarding this remarkable person, visit Malala.org.

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