



EDUCATOR GUIDE

THE NUTMEG PRINCESS

by Ricardo Keens-Douglas

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GENRE:

THEMES:

SUITABLE FOR:

GUIDED READING LEVEL:

LEXILE:

COMMON CORE STANDARDS:

SUMMARY:

BEFORE READING THE BOOK

These activities build the context, introduce the topic of the book, and establish prior knowledge and interest.

1. Display a world map and find the Caribbean islands. Identify with the students, the names of the countries, and from student research post a list of words that describe the general climate in the Caribbean and the names of fruits and spices that are grown there.

2. Cut up a mango/banana/orange/guava and grate a small amount of nutmeg seed or use round nutmeg. Place everything on a dish. Ask students to close their eyes while they taste and smell the fruit and spice.

Post a list of words from the students describing the fruit and spice using all their senses.

Encourage similes with phrases starting “like a” or “as ___ as a.”

Encourage stories about other times they have tasted tropical-grown foods.

3. Introduce the book as a fictional story about a magical princess and a woman who grows and sells tropical fruits and spices.

Ask students to read about the author on the back of the book

The Nutmeg Princess, and discuss at least four facts that inspired Richardo Keens-Douglas to write this story.





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