

Naming Ceremony

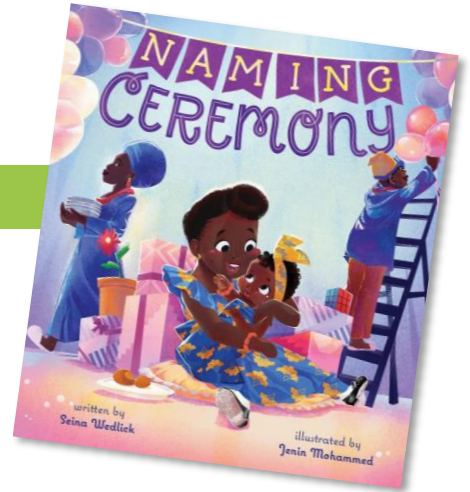
READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Community, Family, Tradition

Book Brief: Amira is excited for her Baby Sister's naming ceremony and has the perfect name in mind, but she wonders if it's special enough after hearing the beautiful names and meanings suggested by friends and family. As the ceremony unfolds, Amira hopes her chosen name will be the one Baby Sister loves the most.

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BEFORE READING

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about Amira.

Prior Knowledge: Ask students, "What is a tradition your family follows?"

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read today, watch Amira experience her baby sister's naming ceremony."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What is Amira's gift to her little sister? When does she get it?
- Describe the naming ceremony. What do people bring? Why?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: At the naming ceremony Amira's sister got her name. What is it and what does Alma call her? Why?

Extending Our Thinking: Using [RIF's Writing Template](#), have students create their own name for someone. Determine what the name would be and what it means or named after.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about Black History with the [Black History Month Collection](#).