



Pathfinder Island

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Teamwork, Problem-Solving, Resourcefulness

Book Brief: An exciting adventure story about a group of kids who think they're stranded on a deserted island and must work together to survive!

Author:
Storytime

Illustrator:
Gaby Zermeno

BEFORE READING

The Cover: Ask students to make a prediction about the story based on the cover and title.

The Pictures: Take a quick picture walk and ask students what they notice about the illustrations.

Prior Knowledge: Ask, "If you were lost somewhere, what would you need to survive? How could you work with friends to help each other?" (Optional: Think-Pair-Share)

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

Purpose for Reading: "As we read, pay attention to how the kids work together to solve problems. What do they do to help each other?"



Think Aloud: "The kids work together to solve problems. They share ideas and help each other even though they're scared. This shows me that teamwork makes hard situations easier, and working together helps us accomplish more than working alone."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- Where do the kids think they are?
- What do the kids do to try to survive?
- Why is it important for the friends to work together?
- What does Chief Pathfinder Neil tell them at the end?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: "How did the kids work together? What did they do to help each other on the island?"

Extending Our Thinking: Ask students, "What would you do if you were on an adventure with your friends? How would you work as a team?" Encourage students to work in small groups to create their own "survival plan" or "adventure map." Give them paper and art supplies to draw what they would do if they were on an island: where they'd build a shelter, how they'd find food and water, and what jobs each team member would have. Groups can present their plans and explain how they worked together to create them.

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- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
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