

When Winter Comes
Discussion Guide
Grades 3-8

Before Reading: to activate schema, build background knowledge, and set a purpose.

- What do you see on the cover? What do you think this book will be about?
- Where do you think plants and animals go during the cold winter months?

During Reading: to engage students, check for understanding, and make connections.

- What happens to flowers in the winter?
- Where do caterpillars go in the winter?
- Why do birds fly south during the winter?
- What are the fish doing under the ice?

After Reading: to summarize, question, and reflect.

- Where does the child go at the end of the story?
- What do you think will happen in the spring?

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 the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.