The Honeybee Man

A RIF GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

Themes: Pollination, Life Cycles, Habitats

Book Brief: Fred keeps honeybee hives on the roof

of his brownstone. From his rooftop, Fred can see all the places his bees go. At harvest time, he gives jars of honey to all his neighbors so they, too, can enjoy the sweet taste of their

neighborhood.

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Content Connections:

Science, Technology, Math, Geography, Engineering, Art, Writing





TIME TO READ!

BEFORE WE READ, LET'S LOOK AT...

The Cover: "What do you notice about the person on the cover? What is he wearing?"

The Pictures: "How do the pictures in this story help you build a timeline?"

Prior Knowledge: "What do you already know about bees?"

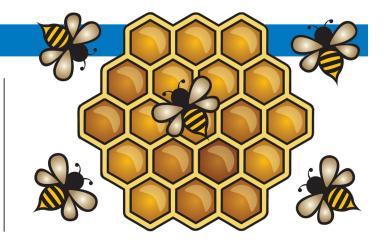
Vocabulary: hives, smoker, drones, nectar, extractor

Purpose for Reading: "A lot of people are scared of bees. Why? As we read, I want you to infer how bees are helpful to the world around us."

WHILE WE READ

MONITORING COMPREHENSION

- Where do you think most beekeepers have their beehives?
- How is Fred like a scientist?
- What is another name for a six-sided shape?
- Why do the bees need smoke to be quiet?
- What character traits would you use to describe Fred?



LET'S THINK ABOUT

Our Purpose: "Most people get nervous when they see a bee. What were you able to infer about the importance of bees from this story?"

Extending Our Thinking: Ask these open-ended questions: "Did this story change the way you think about bees? Why or why not?" "Which bee (queen, drone, worker) do you think contributes the most to the hive? Why?"

NOTE TO EDUCATORS

- Extension Activities for Educators also available.
- Vocabulary Scaffolding Sheet also available.

