

Ice Cream Summer

A RIF GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

Themes: Ice Cream, Traveling, Family

Book Brief: Joe describes his summer adventures through letters to his grandpa that focus on his favorite treat—ice cream!

Author and Illustrator:
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Content Connections:
Math, Social Studies



TIME TO READ!



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

The Cover: Using the cover as inspiration, have students create a list of words that describe ice cream. Write the list on a chart or on the board.

The Pictures: Flip briefly through the pages and look at the pictures. Why do you think the author chose ice cream *summer* instead of ice cream spring, fall, or winter? When do people eat the most ice cream?

Prior Knowledge: Ask students to make predictions about where and when ice cream was invented. When it was first invented, what challenges might have kept ice cream from becoming a popular treat enjoyed by everyone? Poll the class to find out everyone's favorite ice cream flavor. Show your results on the board in a graph or tally. Look online to see what the most popular flavor in your state is.

Vocabulary: cartography, patented

Purpose for Reading: As we read, think about how you could create a timeline showing the history of ice cream. Be ready to give evidence from the book to support the sequence of events.

WHILE WE READ

MONITORING COMPREHENSION:

- ◆ Why do you think Joe is so obsessed with ice cream?
- ◆ Is reading just for books?
- ◆ How is he using math and ice cream?
- ◆ Do you see any landmarks that are familiar to you?

- ◆ What was a main ingredient in the first ice cream?
- ◆ How did the idea for ice cream spread to other countries?
- ◆ Why do you think ice cream became such a popular treat?



LET'S THINK ABOUT



Our Purpose: What events had to happen in order for us to enjoy the ice cream we have today? Put students into pairs or groups and have them make a timeline, or work together as a class to write a timeline on the board.

Extending Our Thinking: How has ice cream changed throughout history? Is all ice cream the same? Explain your answer. Vanilla is the most popular selling flavor of ice cream—why do you think that is? Can you think of any reasons someone might order vanilla ice cream even if it's not their favorite ice cream flavor? Do your students enjoy any other frozen treats during the summer? What cool treats are available for students who can't or don't consume dairy?

NOTE TO EDUCATORS

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



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Fundamental