

Miss Lady Bird's Wildflowers

A RIF GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

Themes: Nature, Conservation, Women in History

Grade Level: 3rd to 5th grade

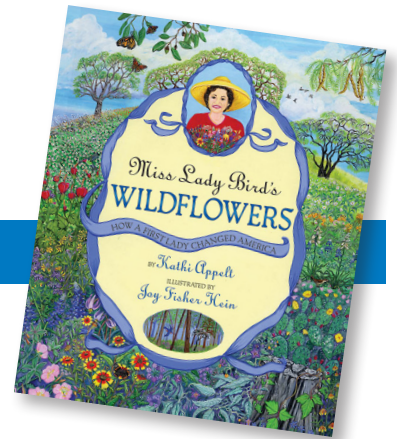
Book Brief: This book tells the story of Lady Bird Johnson, First Lady of the United States and a passionate believer in the

importance of protecting America's natural beauty.

Author: Kathi Appelt

Illustrator: Joy Fisher Hein

Content Connections: Science, Social Studies



TIME TO READ!

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

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the book based on the title and

cover illustration. Who is Miss Lady Bird? Does the book's subtitle give you any clues?

The Pictures: Flip through the pictures briefly to look at all the different kinds of flowers. Can the students name any of them?

Prior Knowledge: Have any of your students ever noticed the wildflowers planted along most of our

highways? Explain that they have Lady Bird Johnson to thank for brightening up the drive. Why is it important to protect and conserve our natural wildflowers? How do flowers help the environment?

Vocabulary: bayou, congressman, caretaker, extinction

Purpose for Reading:

"As we read, think about how Miss Lady Bird took something she was interested in and turned it into her life's passion."



WHILE WE READ

MONITORING COMPREHENSION

- ◆ How does Lady Bird deal with her loneliness as a child?
- ◆ Why is it unusual for Lady Bird to go to college?

- ◆ Why do she and her husband move to Washington, DC?
- ◆ What bill does Lady Bird help pass?
- ◆ Why does Lady Bird help found the National Wildflower Research Center?

LET'S THINK ABOUT

Our Purpose: "How did Lady Bird Johnson turn her childhood interest in wildflowers into her life's work?"

Extending Our Thinking: Miss Lady Bird says that every child should care for a plant. What do you think she means? Think about what it takes to raise a plant from a seed to a full-grown flower. What lessons would you learn during the process?

NOTE TO EDUCATORS

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

