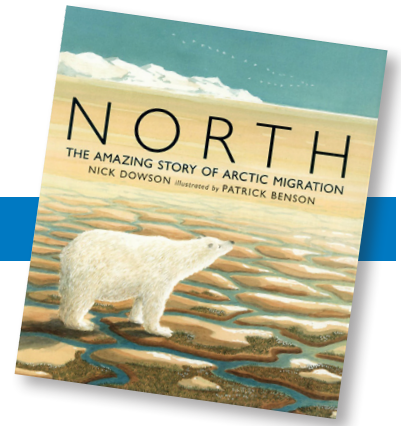


North: The Amazing Story of Arctic Migration



A RIF GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

Themes: Polar Animals, Migration, Ecosystems, Climate

Grade Level: 3rd to 5th grade

Book Brief: Follow a variety of Arctic animals as they migrate across thousands of miles to the north for the summer.

Author:
Nick Dowson

Illustrator:
Patrick Benson

Content Connections:
Science, Math, 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 illustrations. What

season is it in the cover picture? How can you tell?

The Pictures: Take a quick picture walk through the book. How does the illustrator show how the land changes as the animals are migrating? Ask students to point out specific details.

Prior Knowledge: What is migration? When and why does it happen? Do all animals migrate? Are animals the only ones who migrate?

Vocabulary: migration, arctic, tundra

Purpose for Reading:

“As we read, think about *why* these animals are migrating. Try to make a connection between their behavior and the way humans behave.”



WHILE WE READ

MONITORING COMPREHENSION

- ◆ What do you know about the climate in the Arctic? What can you *infer* about it from the story?

- ◆ Which animals live in the Arctic all year?
- ◆ Where has the sun been?
- ◆ What would be a good name for the jaeger birds?

LET'S THINK ABOUT

Our Purpose: “How does animal migration relate to human behavior? Why do humans live in only certain parts of the world?”

Extending Our Thinking: Migration is directly connected to the climate in different parts of the world. What effect do you think humans have on migration? If climate change makes the Arctic ice melt earlier, for example, how might that affect migrating animals? Explain that human actions can upset all of the planet's natural cycles, including migration.

NOTE TO EDUCATORS

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



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