

Rise to the Occasion

HELLO, FAMILY!

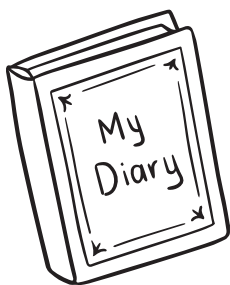
Over the next three weeks, our class will build their knowledge about the qualities needed to rise to the occasion, with a focus on the genre of historical fiction. We will read texts and view videos about what it takes to meet a challenge. Children will also write an opinion essay about the character trait they think is most important to have in order to overcome a challenge.

BRING IT HOME! Learning fun for the whole family!

Discuss the Topic

Set aside time daily for your child to share with you what he or she is learning. Use these ideas to discuss the topic:

- Talk about the ideas your child has added to the Knowledge Map each week.
- Ask about the texts your child is reading and what he or she has learned from them.



Explore the Genre

The genre focus in this module is historical fiction. Discuss with your child the characteristics of this genre, such as stories that are set in the past with realistic characters and events.

Ask your child to read to you each day and make time to read together.

Look for texts that

- spark your child's curiosity
- tie to the module topic
- have a theme or message
- have unique formats, such as a diary or a play

Build Vocabulary

Use these ideas to help your child build a rich vocabulary.

The Big Idea Reinforce the topic words *confront*, *dauntless*, *endurance*, and *dedication*, using prompts like these: When have you felt **dauntless**? Describe a time you had to **confront** a problem.

What Does It Mean? Have your child keep a growing list of the Critical Vocabulary words. Quiz each other on their meanings.

Word Hunt Look for words with suffixes *-ful*, *-less*, *-ous*— Latin roots *vis*, *aud*, *spec*; and prefixes *over-*, *under-* in books, magazines, and online texts.