

Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt

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Introduction



- **Do you know what a quilt is? Do you know how they are used or why they are special?**
- **You are about to read a story about a young girl named Clara that has a special quilt.**

Before We Read...



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- Look at the at the picture on the cover of the book.
- Think/pair/share your predictions with an adult. Talk about what you think the story is going to be about.

Day One: During Reading

Read the first ten pages of the story. As we are reading, identify problems Clara faces. Next, predict ways that Clara might solve these problems.



A square from the AIDS Memorial Quilt
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http://www.americaslibrary.gov/ip/quilt/ip_quilt_scrap_3_e.html

Now you have a chance to create your own patchwork image!

- Create your own quilt map of a familiar route.
- Make sure you include picture clues in your map that will lead you to your destination.

Directions:

1. In your first box draw a picture of your house.
2. Next, in the other boxes show where houses, streets, buildings, trees, and other landmarks are located. The final box will be the destination (school, classroom, shop park etc).
3. Color in images and background.
4. Share with the class!

