Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt

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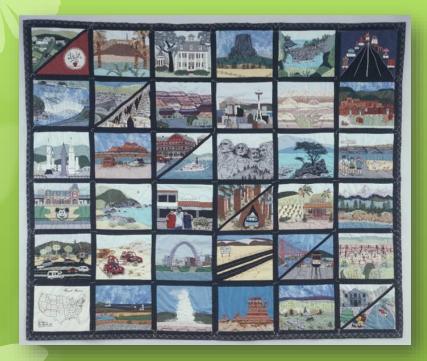






- Do you know what a quilt is? Do you know how they are used or why they are special?
- You are about to read a story about a young girl named Clara that has a special quilt.

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 CREDIT: Margolies, Paul, photographer. "Quilt Block #02316 from the AIDS Memorial Quilt." Courtesy of the NAMES Project Foundation

http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jp/quilt/jp_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!

