ELED 3113  
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Pink and Say

Author: Patricia Polacco

Illustrator: Patricia Polacco

Genre: Historical fiction

Awards: none

Multicultural: Yes

Summary

This is a family story that has been passed down for generations and generations in Patricia Polacco’s family. It’s the story of her great great grandfather and how he was saved by a young boy named Pinkus Aylee in the Civil War. It’s a story of bravery, heartbreak, and strength.

Personal Reflection

I love Patricia Polacco books! They’re all about her family and are true stories. I used this book for my 6th grade read aloud, and I really enjoyed reading it to the children. I figured they’d like it, too. However, I didn’t get the reaction I expected, because some of the children didn’t even listen. I won’t let that get to me, though, I can’t wait to read this special book to my very own classroom someday.

Activity

After reading the book, *Pink and Say*, the students will have a short writing prompt to do in response to the story. The prompt will read, “How do you think the author wanted us to feel after reading the story about Pink and Say?”. The student’s will dig deep into their feelings to pull out their response to this question. The book is pretty sad, but at the same time, it’s uplifting, so there should be plenty to respond to.

Source: Teacher Pay Teacher