Family Connection Activity

Cee Cee Underground Railroad Cinderella

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A powerful retelling about courage, hope, and finding a path to freedom.

Hope, courage, and learning can lead the way to freedom.

WHY THIS MATTERS

This story is a reimagining of the traditional Cinderella tale. While it shares some familiar elements, it also introduces important differences that highlight real history, courage, and resilience. This helps children understand how stories can be **similar yet meaningful in new ways.**

ACTIVITY 1: MY PATH TO A DREAM

1 DRAW A PATH

Have your child draw a path or road across their paper.

2 ADD YOUR DREAM

At the end of the path, have your child draw or write something they hope for: a goal, a dream, or something they want to learn or become.



3 ADD STEPS ALONG THE WAY

Along the path, have your child draw or write steps that can help them reach their dream.

- Learning new things
- Helping others
- Practicing skills
- Being brave



4 WRITING CONNECTION: "I CAN..."

Have your child complete one of the following:

- "I can reach my dream by _____."
- "One step I will take is _____."
- Write 2 to 4 sentences about their goal and how they will work toward it.

5 CONNECT TO THE BOOK

Talk about CeeCee's journey.

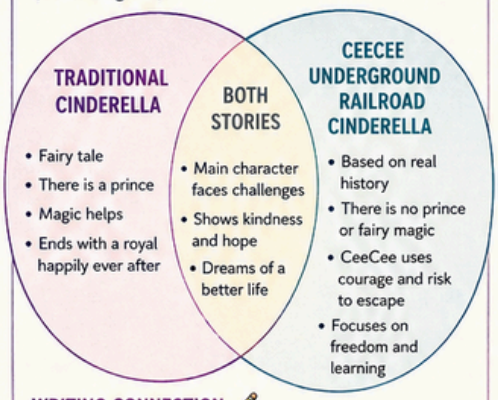
Ask:

- What made CeeCee brave?
- Who helped her along the way?
- Why is hope important, even in hard times?

ACTIVITY 2: SAME AND DIFFERENT

Talk about the traditional Cinderella story and compare it to CeeCee's story.

Create a chart or draw two circles (Venn diagram).



WRITING CONNECTION

Have your child complete one of the following:

- "In both stories, _____."
- "One difference is _____."
- "I think this story is important because _____."

FAMILY TALK

- Why do you think the author changed the story?
- How does CeeCee's story feel different from a fairy tale?
- What can we learn from both stories?

ACTIVITY 3: THE POWER OF LEARNING

What to Do

Have your child draw or write about something new they want to learn and explain why learning is important.



FAMILY TALK

- Why was learning important to CeeCee?
- How can learning help us reach our goals?
- Who helps you learn and grow?

WHAT YOUR CHILD IS LEARNING

- Courage and perseverance
- Compare and contrast skills
- Goal setting and growth mindset
- Writing and self expression
- Understanding history through stories

FAMILY TIP

Remind your child that stories can teach us in different ways. Some entertain us, while others help us learn about real experiences, courage, and hope.



Stories connect us to the past and inspire our future.

Courage. Hope. Freedom. Our story continues.

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