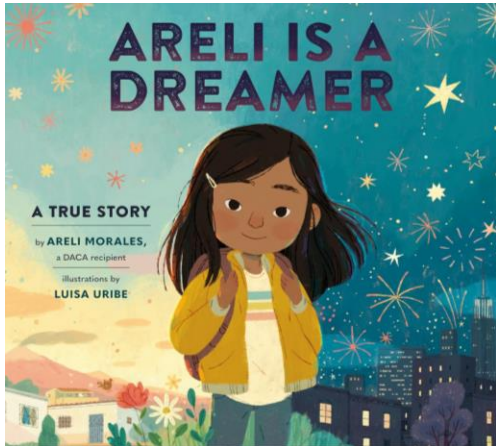


Discussion Guide for Families



Areli Is A Dreamer

Author: Areli Morales

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Themes: Immigration, Family, Identity, Resilience

Book Brief: A story about a young girl named Areli who moves from Mexico to New York, facing new challenges and finding hope as she embraces her new life as a Dreamer.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Model how to connect to the story by sharing your own experiences or family stories related to moving, being new somewhere, or feeling different. Discuss what it means to be an immigrant and why people might move to a new country.

While Reading: Make Connections

- While reading the story, talk to your child about how Areli might be feeling at different points in the book. For example, ask, "How do you think Areli feels when she first arrives in New York?" or "Why do you think Areli misses Mexico even though she is with her family now?"

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Areli dreams of a better future through her opportunities as a Dreamer. What are some dreams you have for your future? How do you plan to achieve them?
- Have you ever felt like you didn't belong somewhere? What helped you feel more at home?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

- Having your child create a dream board where they can paste pictures, words, or drawings that represent their own dreams for the future, inspired by Areli's story.