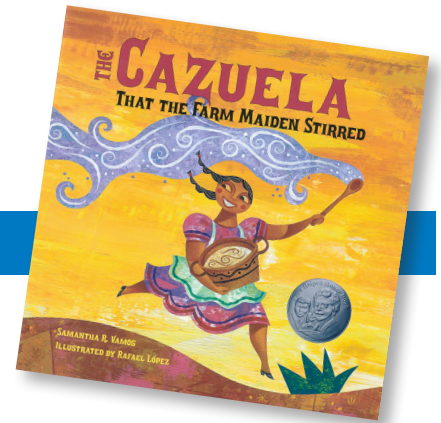


The Cazuela That the Farm Maiden Stirred



A RIF GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

Themes: Community, Food, Celebrations, Latino Culture

Book Brief: Animals help the farm maiden cook up a special recipe. While the pot simmers, the friends dance and sing together.

Author: Samantha R. Vamos

Illustrator: Rafael López

Content Connections: Social Studies, Math

TIME TO READ!



BEFORE WE READ, LET'S LOOK AT...

The Cover: Have students predict what will happen in the story based on the cover illustration and title. What is a *cazuela*? What does a farm maiden do?

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students to notice what each character is doing. What's special about the words in bold font?

Prior Knowledge: Explain that this story uses Spanish words to describe the characters and the contributions they make to the food they're cooking

together. Highlight that the animal and food items are mentioned first in English then in Spanish. Help students think about how to use context clues to figure out unfamiliar words.

Vocabulary: churn, maiden, simmer, sputtered

Purpose for Reading: As we read, notice what each character contributes to the food the farm maiden is cooking. How does the whole community work together to make this recipe? How do they celebrate when the food is ready?



WHILE WE READ

MONITORING COMPREHENSION

- ◆ What is a *cazuela*?
- ◆ How does the author teach each Spanish word in the book?

- ◆ What ingredient does each animal add to the recipe?
- ◆ What does the farmer do?
- ◆ Why does the food in the *cazuela* almost burst?

LET'S THINK ABOUT

Our Purpose: What did each animal contribute to the recipe? How many ingredients did the characters in the book bring together? Aside from cooking, what else did the characters do together?

Extending Our Thinking: Have you ever cooked together with family and friends? How was your experience like that of the characters in this story? How was it different? How do you celebrate food with family and friends?

NOTE TO EDUCATORS

- ◆ Extension Activities for Educators also available.
- ◆ Vocabulary Scaffolding Sheet also available.



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