

Families and caregivers,

Interactive read aloud is an opportunity to connect with your child in a positive way. Here are some questions to ask your child during the read aloud. Pause after each page and give your child an opportunity to answer. Some questions are a direct recall of the story, and others require a little more discussion.

If your child gives you an incomplete or incorrect answer, prompt them with “Why do you think that? Can you find evidence in the story to support what you think?” The more open-ended, the better! If your child gives an answer not supported by the text, encourage them to look at the story through a different lens. Model your thinking to help them understand – “I noticed... which makes me think...”

Vocabulary

American Ambassador: a representative of the United States government in another country
 Splendid: magnificent, excellent.
 Slender: very thin

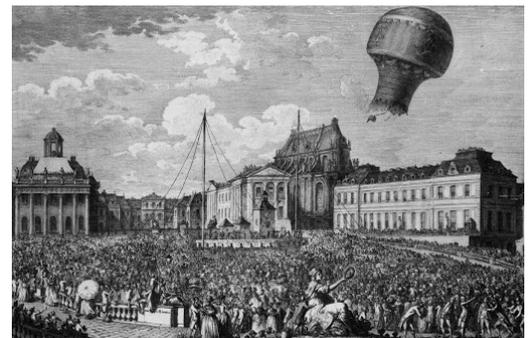
Questions

Page 1: I am making a text to world connection – I have heard about Versailles! This palace was built by a very rich French king, Louis XVI (which means 16!). Take a quick google tour and explore the gardens, fountains, and rich décor of the palace at <https://artsandculture.google.com/project/versailles>

Page 2: Imagine a gathering with such a variety of people. Can you describe how it would smell? Who would you see?

Page 3: Who do you think ballooning’s first passengers will be?

Page 5: This story relies heavily on the pictures to tell the story. The main characters do not speak out English, they communicate their feelings through facial expressions and their animal sounds. Closely observe their faces and gestures to better understand the story.



Page 6: How do the animals look to you? What do their faces suggest? What animal did they communicate with on the ground?

Page 7: It looks like our friends experienced a little bit of turbulence. What caused the turbulence?

Page 9: Mimic the roosters communication with the other animals in the balloon. What was he trying to say? Did the other animals receive his message? What was their response?

Page 11: Retell Duck’s saga: why did he fall out of the balloon? How did he get back in?

Page 12: Duck seems to have flooded the basket! How did that happen? What solution did the other animals present? Can you come up with a better solution?

Page 14: Describe the feelings of the animals. Predict what will happen next!



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