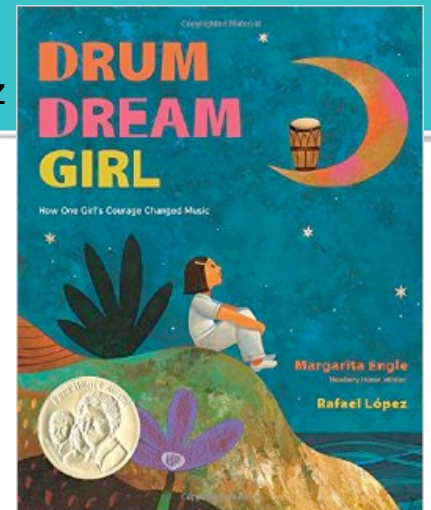


Drum Dream Girl

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Summary: A Chinese-Afro-Cuban girl keeps on dreaming of playing as a female drummer. Even though she had many tumultuous milestones to cross, she followed her dreams and became a Cuban drummer.

Suggested Grade: 1-2



Before Reading: Where is Cuba? What are bongo drums? Is conga a dance or a type of music? What makes an island different than other land territories?

During Reading-Guiding Questions

Why was the girl dreaming? What was she dreaming about? Why was the all girl band playing? What was the problem that the little girl had to overcome?

Picture Details: How are the dancers appearances different? What are their colors, shapes, and sizes? What does the dragon look like? What is the dragon doing? Why is a drum in the cage? What does that mean to the little girl? Name the instruments in the band? Does the girl play her drum at night or during the daytime?

Name That Sound

Drum Girl Dream has numerous instruments that makes the girl's imagination run wild. Write the words from the story next to each instrument name.

tapping pounding clack booming whir tap

- 1. _____ woodpecker beaks
- 2. _____ footsteps
- 3. _____ parrot wings
- 4. _____ conga drums
- 5. _____ bongo drums
- 6. _____ loud sticks



Adding More Details



Write a sentence and draw a picture about instruments that you matched.

- 7. _____



- 8. _____



Nouns, Adverb, Adjectives

Matching draw a line match the word adjective to a noun.

Adverb/Adjective

silvery

imaginary

dreamy

amazed

excited

costumed

secret

loud

Noun

music

drum

timbales

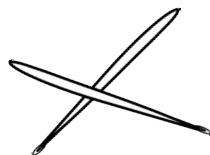
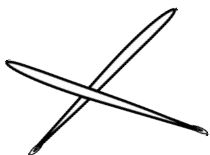
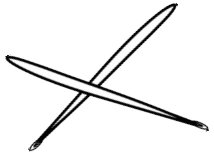
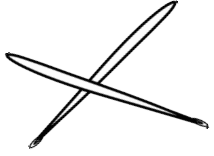
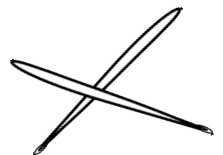
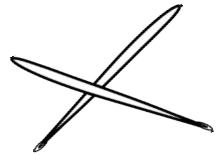
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Story Details

- 1. What was the girl dreaming about?
 - a. Being a good daughter
 - b. Being a drummer
 - c. Being on an island

- 2. Why couldn't the girl play drums?
 - a. Girls were not allowed to play drums.
 - b. Girls were not allowed to sing out loud.
 - c. Girls

3. Circle True or False

True or False: Cuba is a country.

- 4. The girls were excited because _____.
 - a. they were an all girl dance team.
 - b. they all played drums.
 - c. they were an all-girl band.

5. Matching

Africans celebrate with	_____	a. drums
Chinese celebrate with	_____	b. carnivals
Cubans celebrate with	_____	c. dragons

- 6. At first her father _____ the girl to play, and then he _____ the girl to be heard.
 - a. wanted/offered
 - b. did want/did not want
 - c. did not want/ decided for

7. Write something that you dream about.
