



# On the Frontier with Mr. Audubon

TEACHER READ ALOUD  
Theme 1, Grade 4

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# Activate Prior Knowledge

*On the Frontier with Mr. Audubon* are journal entries written by a young painter in 1820 and 1821 during a journey he took down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers with naturalist John James Audubon.



# Activate Prior Knowledge

- John James Audubon lived from 1785 to 1851.
- He was a naturalist, or a person who studied plants and animals in nature.
- He was an artist famous for his drawings and paintings of birds in North America.
- What do you know about life in the USA in the 1800s?



# Noting Details

- When you **note important details** it will help a person to understand directions.
- Details can explain ideas, give information and reveal characters' feelings.
- Pay attention to the details and think about which seem important and which seem less important.



# While We Read

What did you learn about John James Audubon?



# While We Read

How can you tell that Mr. Audubon loves birds?



# While We Read

What does the paragraph tell you about Joseph and Mr. Audubon's frontier journey?



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How does Mason show that he and Audubon were “...much the worse for wear in every way”?



# Discussion

- What parts of the entries did you find interesting or surprising?
- Summarize the story.



# Noting Details

What important details happened on the dates of these journal entries?

| <b>October 11, 1820</b> | <b>October 30, 1821</b> |
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# Personal Response

- What do you think might have been like to travel along the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers in the early 1800s.
- Compare Joseph Mason's feelings about his journey with Mr. Audubon to the Grandfather's feelings about his journey in *Grandfather's Journey*.

