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TEACHER READ ALOUD
Theme 1, Grade 6



Activate Prior Knowledge

Courage is something everyone has inside them is an essay written by a young girl about her courageous family.



Activate Prior Knowledge

- Has your family come to the United States from another country?
- What were your experiences moving and adapting to a new culture?



Activate Prior Knowledge

- Have you ever learned or tried to learn a new language?
- What was difficult?
- What were your successes?

bonjour

hallo

你好

hola

привет

Making Judgments

As you listen to the essay, think about the actions of the people and make and form opinions or judgments.



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While you are reading:

- Do you agree with Son Ca's definition of courage?
- Why or why not?



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While you are reading:

- Do you think the treatment of Son Ca's family by the communists in Vietnam was fair?
- Explain



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While you are reading:

- Do you agree that fleeing to America was the best solution for the family?
- Why or why not?



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While you are reading:

What do you think Son
Ca means when she
says her mother and
sister didn't know
anything?



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While you are reading:

What part of the Lam family's story do you think shows the most courage?



Discussion

- What parts of the story were difficult to understand?
- Summarize the story. Make sure to include what life was like for Son Ca Lam's family before, during and after coming to the United States.



Making Judgments

- Making judgments is forming opinions about characters or events.
- It is okay for your opinion to be different than the authors.
- It is important to support your judgments with facts.



Making Judgments

- Do you agree that Son Ca's family showed courage?
- Give examples from the essay and your own experiences to support their responses.



Personal Response

- Evaluate the author's use of details to describe her experiences.
- Are there other details about Son Ca's life that you wish were included?

