

Courage is something everyone has inside them



TEACHER READ ALOUD
Theme 1, Grade 6



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Activate Prior Knowledge

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



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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?



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Activate Prior Knowledge


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



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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

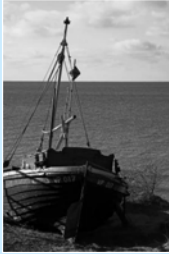


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While you are reading:

- 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?



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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.



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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.



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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.



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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?



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