An Armadillo in PARIS

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Having spent some time in Paris, author-illustrator Julie Kraulis knew Arlo would love book from Julie Kraulis. Arlo is an armadillo who is always up for adventure. His grandfather, Augustin, loved adventure too. When Arlo was born, Augustin wrote

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Julie is a stop-and-smell-the-roses kind of gal who loves to create. This is her second picture book; she is also the author and illustrator of Whimsy's Heavy Things.

THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS call for a special emphasis on literature. This guide provides discussion questions, writing prompts and research activities that reflect the English Language Arts Common Core Standards as well as offer opportunities for cross-curricular links to music, social studies and visual arts.

BEFORE READING

1. What is in the story? What is the problem that needs to be solved?
   - Who is in the story? What do you know about Paris?
   - Where does the story take place? What do you know about Paris?
   - What kind of a story do you think this will be?

2. Talk about the title of the story.
   - Has anybody been to Paris before?
   - In what part of the world is Paris located?
   - What do you know about Paris?

3. Find out what students know about armadillos.
   - What do you know about armadillos?
   - In what parts of the world can they be found?

4. Discuss why people travel and allow students to share their personal travel experiences.
   - Why do people travel?
   - What can you learn about when you travel?

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   - What does it look like?
   - What does it like to do?

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7. “Arlo visits the Iron Lady’s friends and sees some wonderful things; a church that has glass windows. “Do some detective work of your own and see if you can discover who the Iron Lady’s friends are that Arlo visits.
   - What does it mean to be curious? How does being curious connect to somebody wanting to travel to different parts of the world?

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