

READ-ALoud DISCUSSION GUIDE

BEFORE WE READ...

The Cover: Read the title. Ask students to use the image on the cover to predict why someone might say “the heart never forgets.”

Prior Knowledge: What are your students’ favorite masquerade festivals? Write “My Favorite Masquerade Festival” in a circle in the center of a large piece of paper or on your whiteboard, then invite students to write words about their favorite masquerades all around it.

Content Specific Vocabulary: masks, drums, costumes, ancestors, honor, remember

Purpose for Reading: As you read, ask students to think about how the little girl honors the memory of her grandfather.

TIME TO READ!

Monitoring for Comprehension

- Who does the little girl miss at the masquerade festival?
- What is the whole family doing at the festival?
- Which of grandpa’s favorite things do they bring to the festival?
- What is the little girl’s favorite memory with her grandpa?
- What did the grandpa use to say about the masquerades?
- Do you remember one of grandpa’s favorite proverbs?
- How does the little girl honor the memory of her grandfather?

LET’S THINK ABOUT

Takeaways:

- How does the little girl honor her grandfather’s memory?
- Ask the students to think about their loved ones and their favorite memories with them.
- Ask them to think about ways in which they can share some of those favorite memories.
- Are there any special family traditions to honor loved ones?
- Are there any festive celebrations to honor ancestors?
- How does sharing our favorite memories of loved ones lift our spirits?
- What new traditions can students start with their loved ones?