

# CATCH a spark!

## Using children's literature to SPARK CREATIVITY



### The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles

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288 pages / Grades 2-7

A brilliant professor and three wonderful children search for the most extraordinary creature in the world, the Whangdoodle by venturing to Whangdoodleland while avoiding a scheming prime minister and relying on determination and skill. There is no better story for the imagination and to keep children rapt with attention. A whimsical story that all students - and teachers - will fall in love with while learning many life lessons.

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#### Context

The book is very rich in **vocabulary**.

Superb mentor text for **descriptive writing** and **visualization**.

A strong consideration to all the **endangered animals** / species and the way we treat the environment.

Regular acknowledgement and reference to various areas of **science** including **genetics**

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#### Arts

The book very purposefully does not have illustrations to foster a sense of imagination among readers.

There is regular reference to all the **artistic senses** - sight, sounds, touch, form, movement, energy, language, texture, and so many more that naturally come through the writing.

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#### Themes

Power and importance of imagination

Open minds of children compared to adults

Determination

Courage / Bravery

Trust

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#### Create

Use the vivid descriptions of each character and place to illustrate the book.

Take the Professor's challenge and really notice things. Keep a notebook of all the things you suddenly notice through both sight and sound.

Create your own "scrappy cap". When do you think you need to use it?

Make a Whangdoodleland Word Book for all the new words you learn.

*The book has SO many inspirations. Endless possibilities!*

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#### Heart Words

*"Whatever man imagines is possible."*

*"There aren't many people in this world who really know how to look."*

*"Peace, love and a sense of fun."*

*"If you remain calm in the midst of great chaos, it is the surest guarantee that it will eventually subside."*

*"Miracles...do not just happen. A miracle is the achievement of the impossible..."*

*"If you truly wish to accomplish something, you should allow nothing to stop you, and chances are you'll succeed."*

