# CATCH a spark!

### Using children's literature to SPARK CREATIVITY



#### The Bookwanderers

Written by Anna James, Illustrated by Paola Escobar 304 pages / Grades 4-8

An adventure that will have readers of all ages hooked. Tilly Pages is an avid reader whose family owns a bookstore. When book characters start showing up un person and Tilly discovers she can wander into any story she chooses, things change dramatically. Secrets are divulged and the mystery of what happened to her mother many years ago is about to come front and center.

## Context

Characterization. What makes a strong character in a book and why do some stand out more than others?

Personality Traits use a character to develop character traits consider which characters might be most like you.

Considering the idea that the present can change the past and vice-versa. Considering a time period that you feel like you could change by going back to one specific moment.

### A Arts

The power of imagination and how it can manifest in many different forms.

Illustrations in chapter books. A valuable discussion about this topic and how an illustrator chooses to illustrate certain moments. What are the moments that are important to make

visual? How does the

illustrator's choice

make a different

experience for the

reader? Are there

different moments

that should have

been illustrated?

Themes

Imagination

Character

Reading and books

Finding adventure

Rule following

### Create

Design your ideal bookshop. Bring in architectural elements and drawing to scale. Use the description of Pages & Co. in Chapter 1 as a guide.

Choose a book character with a strong personality. Write a scene in which you and that character interact. Perform the scene.

Choose 3 specific moments in the book you think should have been illustrated. Illustrate them and explain your choice.

Write a full length story of when you wander into a book. Heart Words

"The books we love when we're growing up shape us in special ways. The characters in the books we read help us to decide who we want to be."

"...a bookshop is like a map of the world. There are infinite paths you can take through it and none of them are right or wrong."

"Our stories are how we will be remembered - so we've got to make sure they are worth telling."

"You must go and find adventure and shake it firmly by the hand as you set out toward the horizon together."

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