

# CATCH a spark!

## Using children's literature to SPARK CREATIVITY



### One Girl

Written by Andrea Beatty / Illustrated by Dow Phumiruk  
40 pages / Grades K-4

A simple yet rich and complex story about the power of education and one girl who reads a book and lights a spark for her future and the future of girls everywhere. Lyrical words and stunning illustrations lift this special story about the ways books and education can create and inspire change, starting small and making a huge difference. Be sure to read the author's note.

### C Context

The importance and necessity of **education**. **Knowledge** is precious and powerful.

**Inferencing.** The language in the book is simple, yet very lyrical. Older students will be able to read deeply to gain more meaning and depth.

The concept of **equity in education** around the world and factors that may prohibit children from getting an education.

The idea that any person at any age can **inspire change** and **empower** ourselves and others.

### A Arts

**Symbolism** in illustration to emphasize and express meaning.

Using **light** to highlight and emphasize meaning as well as giving depth to an interpretation of art.

### T Themes

Power and importance of education

Moving from darkness into light

Books as gateways to endless possibilities

Inspiring others

### C Create

Particularly in the first illustrations, books and pencils are used as the building blocks of the future.

Challenge students to take one topic (like reading) and create an illustration using that object as the majority of their artwork.

Challenge students to share the story of a change maker in just a few words, lyrically as the author does, using inferencing to choose their words.

### H Heart Words

*"One Girl.  
One spark."*

*"Tiny ember.  
Burning low."*

*"One Girl glowing.  
Shares her song."*

