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2023

Genre

Biography

Suggested Grade Level

Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd

Cultural Experience

Asian American, Immigrant/Refugee

"The war brought new sounds. Heavy boots, warning whistles. Booms that sounded far, but felt near."

Content Area Connections:

Language Arts: Ask and answer questions about key events in a biography. Describe how illustrations and words work together to tell a true story. Sequence important moments in a person's life. Retell the narrative using details from the text and images.

Social Studies: compare how people lived in the past to how they live today, explain how families provide physical, social and emotional support for each other, create a map showing the families journey, explain how different people see history from different points of view, use primary sources to make inferences about certain events, diverse cultures and communities within the US, how physical and

cultural geography influence human settlement, examine major global conflicts, identify waves of immigration and how different immigrant groups shaped the US, causes and effects of human migration

Social Emotional Learning (SEL): Identify emotions characters experience when leaving home and adjusting to a new place. Discuss how families support one another during difficult transitions (relationship skills). Show empathy for refugee experiences and reflect on courage, perseverance, and hope (social awareness).

Art: Examine how the illustrator uses color, line, and composition to communicate movement, emotion, and setting. Interpret how images support the story's meaning. Create drawings that represent journeys, homes, or family stories using thoughtful

Primary Source Connection:

- [Artwork from Vietnam Refugees](#)
- [Crewman take Vietnamese Refugees Aboard](#)
- [Fall of Saigon](#)

Other Books:

- [Adrift at Sea: A Vietnamese Boy's Story of Survival](#)
- [A Map for Falasteen: A Palestinian Child's Search for Home](#)
- [I am Both: A Vietnamese Refugee Story](#)
- [Finding Papa](#)
- [My Name is Sangoel](#)
- [Dreamers](#)
- [Islandborn](#)