Benefits of Picture Books

• A tool to launch conversations about difficult/more mature topics for older students
• A tool to teach higher order thinking skills in an engaging manner for the more mature student
• Accessible to all students
• Can motivate reluctant readers
Overall comprehension

Title: Henry's Freedom Box
Genre: historical picture book
Author: Ellen Levine
Name: Taylor Daniels

Setting:
Time/Era: Early-Mid 1800s/Slavery Era
Location: The United States

Characters:
1. Henry
2. Nancy
3. James
4. Dr. Smith

Plot:
1. His box is delivered to Philadelphia.
2. He is boxed and sent on a brutal journey to Philadelphia.
3. Henry meets Nancy, another slave. They fall in love and are allowed to get married.
4. He is now free! He has his first birthday and he gets a middle name: Henry "Box" Brown.
5. Henry's wife and children are sold to another master.
6. Henry and his friends plan his escape to the North.
7. The slave masters allow Henry and Nancy to live together. They have several children.
8. Henry works at a tobacco farm with a cruel boss.
9. Henry's master gives Henry to his son.

Big Idea:
Slavery was a sad and cruel event in America's history. The will to survive is strong and can lead to unimaginable accomplishments.

Mentor Sentences

Dad dished up three plates side by side, with big pieces of pie and giant scoops of ice cream.
Mentor Text-Creative Writing
Editing

Dear, Punctuation

Please come back. We need you? We, miss, you too. School is! *difficult* without, you?

We can’t do reading writing or riddles? Without punctuation Chapter 4 of our book Ace, Scooper, doesn’t make sense. We, will, never? take punctuation for! granted again. Won’t you please come back before 1000 on Friday?

Mr Wright says. Punctuation, please come home

Sincerely

Mr. Wright’s Class
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