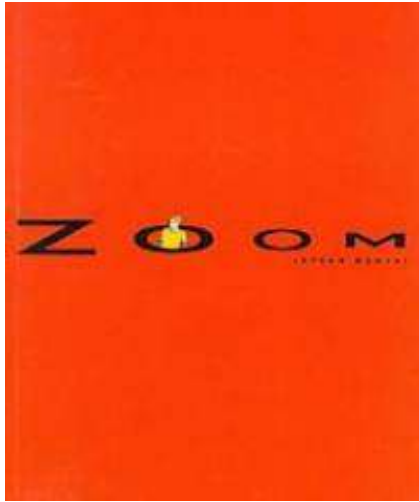


Writing Trait: Ideas

Learning Intention: a well written memoir has a clear, zoomed-in focus
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Before Reading

Learning Outcomes: A1, A2, A4, A5, B5

Ask students to use the title and front cover to predict what this book might be about.

Share the learning intention and explain that one of the ways writers get their audience to deeply connect with their work is by writing small. What does writing small mean? It means that you take a moment and explode it with lots of details. The book Zoom will be read backwards! As each page is turned, the topic becomes more and more zoomed in.

During Reading

Learning Outcomes: B6, B9

This is a great book to make predictions. Before turning each page, have students turn to a partner and share their predictions.

After Reading ... Before Writing

Learning Outcomes: B7, C1, C4, C5, C8,

After reading, play the zoom-in game. Start with a big topic and see if students can create steps to zoom in on greater details.

e.g. 5. school 4. classroom 3. coat area 2. backpack 1. my lunch bag

or

5. British Columbia 4. Vancouver Island 3. beach 2. tidal pool 1. a hermit crab

After playing this game, have students generate zoomed-in topic ideas for future memoirs.

