



## Catch Up & Read Interactive Read Aloud

*The Day You Begin* by Jacqueline Woodson

FOCUS: SEL- Acceptance and Courage



### Terms to define:

**Homeland-** the country you're from

**Souvenir-** a toy or gift you pick out on a vacation

**Triumph-** a big win!

**Unfamiliar-** something you don't know yet or haven't experienced yet

### Preview

Today we will read *The Day You Begin* by Jacqueline Woodson.

There are lots of reasons to feel different. Maybe it's how you look or talk, or where you're from. Maybe it's what you eat or something just as random. Whatever it is, it's not easy to take those first steps into a place where nobody knows you, but somehow you do it.

### Stopping points and Interaction cues:

- p.11 "Your teacher says your name so soft and beautifully that your name and homeland sound like flowers blooming the first bright notes of a song". How do you think Rigoberto feels right now? How is that different from the last page?
- p.12 Hmm. I can see the characters face and see that she's looking on at her friends telling their travel stories. She is quiet and not participating in the conversation.
- p.13 What does she think about what she did over the summer versus what her friends did? Is that true?
- p.24 Why do you think she decides to begin to share her stories today? How does her face look now when she talks about her summer?
- p.26 How does the class start to change after she shares her stories?
- End Have you ever felt like the main character? Did you find the courage to share your stories? What happened next?