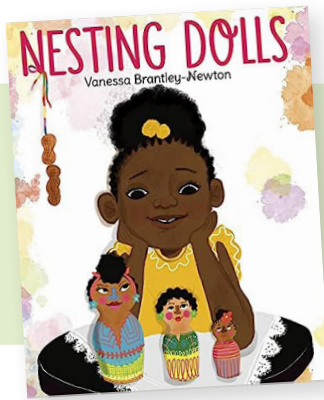


Pre/Post Activities

Use these activities to accompany the author's reading on RallytoRead.org.



Nesting Dolls

Author & Illustrator: Vanessa Brantley-Newton

Grades: PK–3

Pre-Reading Activity

Tell students that the story they are going to listen to is about a girl and her family who are part of the culture of the Gullah Geechee people. This book involves different expressions from the Gullah Geechee language which is a combination of Creole, African, and European languages. The expression, “How oonuh fa do?” means “How are you doing?” Practice saying this expression with your students.

Post-Reading Activity

In this story, Anyiaka learns that even though she may be different she is still an important part of her family's Gullah Geechee culture. Ask your students to think about what makes them unique. Using a Venn diagram, have your students write what makes them unique on one side, what makes their family unique on the other side, and what they have in common in the middle.