



Anna Hibiscus

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Before Reading:

- Point out Africa, Canada and the U.S. on a map.
- Explain who makes up an extended family. Who is in your extended family?
- In many cultures (as in Anna's) it is quite common to live with extended family.
- Do any of you live with extended family?

After Reading:

- Write a letter to Anna and explain what it is like living in America. Tell her about your school day, your house, who lives with you, what you do in your free time, and how you usually dress.
- Auntie Comfort arrived wearing traditional African clothing. Discuss the difference between traditional and modern clothing. African fabrics are often very colorful. Design an "African" pattern and color it in using crayons. (Remember to push down hard.)
- Anna and her family often eat with their fingers. Do we eat with our fingers? What are some foods that is okay to eat with fingers?
- Anna sold oranges and made some money. As a result, the other children who needed to sell their fruit for money for their families, did not make any that day. Anna did not mean to do anything hurtful to these children. Have you ever done something and meant well, but it turned out the opposite?
- Anna wants to see snow more than anything in the world. How many of you have seen snow? What do you want to see more than anything in the world?

Activities:

- Write an acrostic poem using the word SNOW.
Sledding is fast and fun.
Never go out without gloves.
Ouch, you hit me with a snowball!
Want to build a snowman?