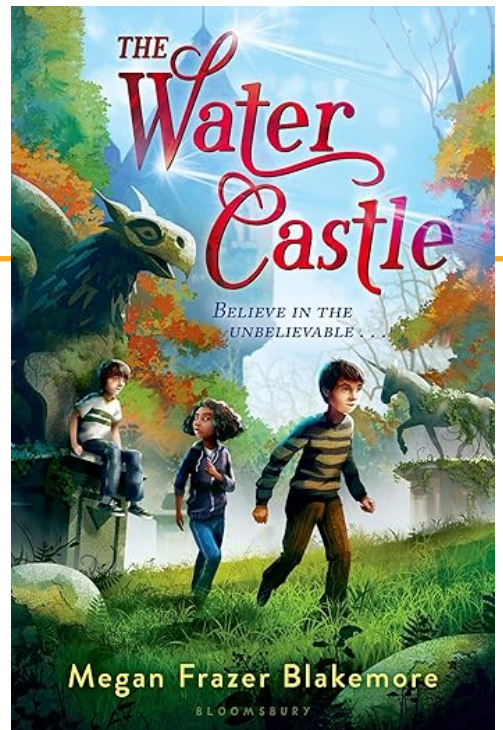


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Activities, tools & resources for learning with this book!

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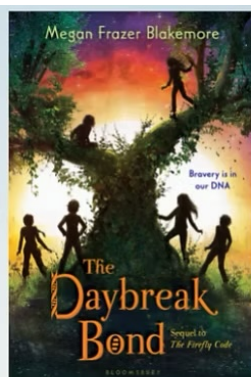
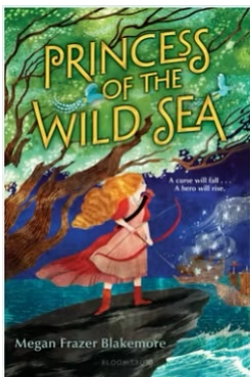
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## LET'S BEGIN! BEFORE READING THE BOOK

Use the Visual Thinking Strategy (VTS) questions below to orient readers, and to help guide a group discussion. Begin by taking a quiet moment to look closely at the book jacket, allowing time for observation and contemplation of the images.

- *What is going on in this picture?*
- *What do you see that makes you say that? (provide evidence)*
- *What more can we find?*

Watch this [VIDEO](#) for a quick VTS demo

### HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please contact Alison Johnson at Island Readers & Writers, 207-460-6828 or [ajohnson@islandreadersandwriters.org](mailto:ajohnson@islandreadersandwriters.org).

## LET'S TALK! Discussion Questions

How did Will's father's perceptions of the Appledore family influence Will before he met Ephraim?

Nora says "Every journey starts with a chance." What do you think she means?

"I shall find a way or make one," was Peary's motto. Who are some people - from history, in the news, in your community or family - that have made a way where none was before?

Orlando Appledore said, "It is important to remember not only the what but the why of what you are seeking." What did that mean for their search for the Fountain of Youth? How does his idea apply to other things?

What most surprised you about the story?

### STANDARDS

#### Covered throughout this Explore More Book Guide:

*SL.1. Prepare for and participate in conversations across a range of topics, types, and forums, building on others' ideas and expressing their own.*

*SL.2. Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric.*

*SL.3 Present information and supporting evidence appropriate to task, purpose, and audience so listeners can follow the line of reasoning and incorporate multimedia when appropriate.*

*R.4. Read various texts closely to determine what each text explicitly says and to make logical inferences; cite specific textual evidence to support conclusions drawn from the texts.*

*R.5 Provide an accurate summary of various texts; determine the central idea(s) or theme(s) and analyze its development throughout each text.*

*R.6. Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.*

*R.8 Analyze the structure of various texts, including how the features and components relate to each other and the whole.*

## LET'S CREATE! Book-Inspired Art

Peary's motto was *wasInvenium Viam Aut Facium*, or "I shall find a way or make one." His motto was in Latin, that - along with Greek - continues to be one of the universal scientific languages. Create your own motto and use this [ONLINETRANSLATOR](#) to translate it into Latin.

### MOTTO

a short sentence or phrase that expresses a rule for sensible behavior, especially a way of behaving in a particular situation

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### SCIENCE EXTENSION

Watch this [VIDEO](#) for steps on how to make a conductivity meter.

Based on the author's descriptions in the book, and coupled with your own imagination, draw the exterior of the Water Castle, and a blueprint of the interior.

Write a pitch for The Water Castle's sequel. What happens next?

## LET'S DIVE DEEPER! Explore More

[LIBRARY SCAVENGEER HUNT](#) for The Water Castle includes detailed instructions, timeframes and printables.

**Infographic challenge:** Conduct an internet search for 'water infographics' and choose the "best" infographic that combines sourced, quality information and visuals that are stimulating and aid in understanding. Does the class agree on which of the infographics is 'the best?' If not, host a debate!

Watch this [VIDEO](#) on where we get our fresh water.

Read this [ARTICLE](#) on The Clean Water Act which was sponsored by Maine senator Edmund Muskie in 1972, a great accomplishment for environmental protection.

### The LEGACY of Arctic Explorer Matthew Henson

**VIDEO:** Matthew Henson Discovers the North Pole

IRW's [BOOKTRAILER](#) on The Water Castle created by summer 2017 interns, Alicia and Tilly

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Text to Text Connections

