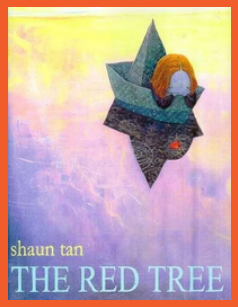
Literacy Lab Story Mission

The Red Tree by Shaun Tan

Activity 1: Read or watch the book: "**The Red Tree.**'

Now, **write a blurb** for the book that **summarises** it. Use five sentences or less.

Click here to watch The Red Tree



Activity 2: Choose three words to **describe** the girl's **emotions** during her journey.

Draw a picture of part of the girl's journey to match each word.



lonely



overwhelmed



confused

Activity 3: Look at the **first** and **last** pictures in the book. How are they **different**?

Think about the colours, the girl's surroundings and how she might be feeling.



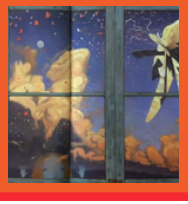


Activity 4: **Imagine** you are the little girl and write a short **diary entry** about one of your strange experiences.



Describe **what you can see**, **how you feel** and **what you are thinking.**







Activity 5: Be an author and add another page to the book.

Draw a strange new experience for the little girl and write a short sentence to describe what is happening.

"Suddenly, the little girl was floating through a purple sky full of glowing butterflies."

Activity 6: Use your **inference skills** to answer these questions:

1.) Why do you think the little girl is often looking down or away?
2.) Why does the illustrator use dull colours for most of the book but bright red for the tree?
3.) Why do you think the red tree only appears at the end of the story?