



Social Story:
Jabari Dreams of Freedom
Livestream Performance

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Presented by the
Midland Center for the Arts



My class is going to watch a show called ***Jabari Dreams of Freedom*** at the Midland Center for the Arts.



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My class will watch the show from our classroom while it's happening LIVE onstage at the Midland Center for the Arts!



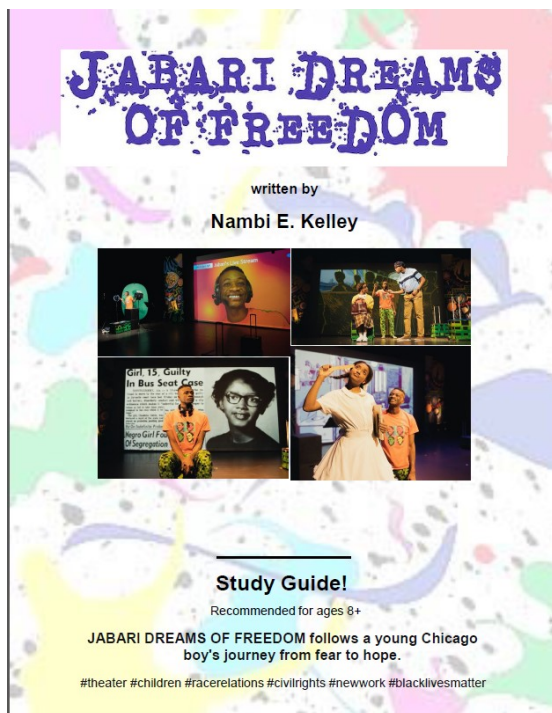
Jabari Dreams of Freedom is a play about a young boy from Chicago named Jabari. It starts out in Jabari's house, and then he falls asleep and dreams that he travels back in time to meet young people that were a part of the Civil Rights Movement.



The actors on stage will ask the audience to participate in the story-telling. If I am comfortable, I can clap, cheer, sing, or call out when they ask me to.



The play uses video and projections on a large screen, music, dance, and special lighting to help tell the story. The actors also will also play more than one character; they will change their clothes, or costumes, to help us understand who they are.



The characters in the play are:

Jabari

Jabari's dad

Jabari's mom

Claudette Colvin

Ruby Bridges

Students at a protest

President Barack Obama

My teachers, classmates, and I can use the classroom study guide to learn more about the play and the history it portrays on stage.

While we are watching the show on the screen in our classroom, I will listen to my teacher. I will use the tools I need to in order to enjoy the performance.



After each part of the show, the audience may clap and cheer for the performers. If I am not sure when to clap, I can wait for other people to clap and then join in. If the clapping is too loud, I can wear ear protection or cover my ears.

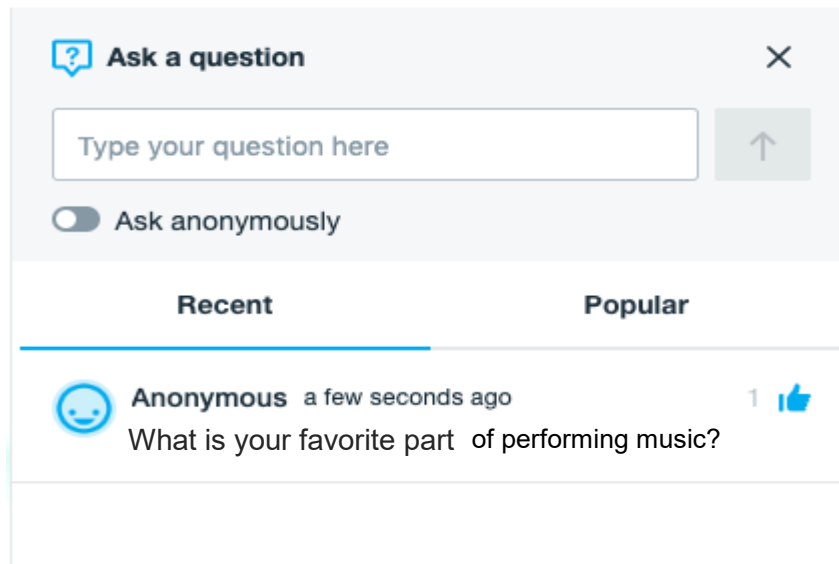


At the end of the show, the my classmates and I can clap and cheer for the performers. If the clapping is too loud, I can wear ear protection or cover my ears.

The show will be about 45 minutes long. There will not be an intermission, or break, during the show. There will then be 15 minutes for questions for the artists from the audience.

After the show is over, there will be time for questions. Some questions will come from students that are watching the show in person in the auditorium. If I have a question, my teacher can share it over the internet and it might be asked for me!

There will only be time for 7 or 8 questions, so we might not have a chance to hear all of our questions answered.



This is Katie, the Center staff member who will ask your questions on a microphone in the auditorium.

After watching the show I can talk about it with my teachers, classmates, and family. I will think about what I enjoyed about the performance and what I learned.

Thank you for joining us for
Jabari Dreams of Freedom!

