

GALLOPING THROUGH HISTORY

Amazing True Horse Stories

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Genre: Non-fiction, history

Suitable for: Grades 4 – 7

Summary

Powerful, spirited, and beautiful, horses have helped shape the world as we know it.

From the time people first rode horses, these magnificent animals have changed the way humans live, travel, fight, work, and play. History comes to life in six fascinating stories about how these incredible creatures have literally changed the world.

THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITY IDEAS ...

... are only a start. There are many possibilities for helping students construct meaning from text.

- Create a stamp, poster, or bookmark about one of the horses in this book.
- Which is your favourite story in the book? Give three reasons why.
- Imagine you're a pony express rider. Write a letter home to your parents telling about your latest ride.
- Draw a scene showing one of the chapters in the book.
- Find the race between Seabiscuit and War Admiral online and watch it. Create a poster advertising the race.
- Brainstorm a list of qualities that you think a good horse possesses. Write a poem or story about horses that includes these qualities.
- With a friend, pretend you're a talk show host interviewing Sybil Ludington. Create a script, put on costumes, and present your interview to your class.

- The stories in this book take place in many different eras. In which of these times would you most like to have lived? Why?
- Compare two of the horses in the book. How are they different? In what ways are they the same?
- Take a look at the time line at the end of the book, then create one for your own life.
- Make a collage about one of the horses in the book.