

Activities to Pair with Books and Music

For parents and adults:

How to use this guide: Please use these ideas in ways that work best for your children. The Concepts listed and Bible Readings are for grown-up background material... to support you. Reading aloud the book together, or watching on YouTube, creates special experiences especially when the Wondering Questions are used. Enjoy together!

Age Range: 6-10 years

Concepts: Empowerment, Courage, Bravery

Bible or Quaker wisdom: Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and of good **courage**, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.

The Book or Music: *Mumbet's Declaration of Independence* by Gretchen Woelfle, illustrations by Alix Delinois, Carolrhoda Books (Lerner), 2014. "All men are born free and equal." Everybody knows about the Founding Fathers and the Declaration of Independence in 1776. But the founders weren't the only ones who believed that everyone had a right to freedom. Mumbet, a Massachusetts slave, believed it too. She longed to be free, but how? Would anyone help her in her fight for freedom? Could she win against her owner, the richest man in town? Mumbet was determined to try. *Mumbet's Declaration of Independence* tells her story for the first time in a picture book biography, and her brave actions set a milestone on the road toward ending slavery in the United States.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VuPo2uMAXuM> book read aloud

Some historical information about Mumbet. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KB-FAYvW7sM>

Video clip for 8th -11th grade

<https://kru.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/fyr12.socst.us.1950pres.mumbet/mumbet/support-materials>

Wondering Questions: Give children an opportunity to reflect on the story, make it their own, and use their creative thinking. Wondering Questions do not have right and wrong answers; they encourage imagination and deep reflection.

I wonder what part of the story you like best?

I wonder where you would put yourself in the story?

I wonder what suggestions this story has for you and/or our family?

Activities: Is there something that supports fairness (justice) in your community? Make a plan to take action! Share your idea with your friends and family.