Inventory of Children’s Books


Annotation: *The Invisible Princess* is a fiction book that discusses slavery in a very unique way. In this book a couple who were slavers were having a baby. The mother did not want her daughter to become a slave so she asked the Great Lady of Peace to make her daughter invisible so she would not be seen. When she was born she was made invisible and was carried away by a storm. Later in the story the masters blind daughter was able to see the Invisible Princess and this made the master very angry. He threatened to tear Mama and Papa love apart if they didn’t give him their daughter. The Invisible Princess came back to tell her parents what she had heard. The Great Lady of Peace made her parents and the rest of the slaves invisible and they all went to the Village of Peace, Freedom and Love.

Reaction: *The Invisible Princess* is a very unique book that touches on slavery. Although this book is fiction and far from realistic fiction, it could still be used to teach about slavery. I like the different names are used in this book. I really like the way that everyone is happy in the end. The author contrasts the different villages to show the difference in happiness for African American’s life after Slavery (when they left the Village of Visible). This book is presented in such a creative manner that students will be interested and engaged in the text and content taught. There is so much included in this book for teachers to cross disciplines.

Activities:
1. Discuss the different names in this book and what they might symbolize and mean. Have each student create a person, a unique name for that person and write about what makes that person so special.

2. There are very few pictures of what the Village of Peace, Freedom and Love looks like. Have the students draw or paint a picture of what they think the village looks like.

3. Discuss slavery and how this book ties into it. Use a Venn diagram to compare and contrast the two different villages in the book.