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Teacher Notes and Activities

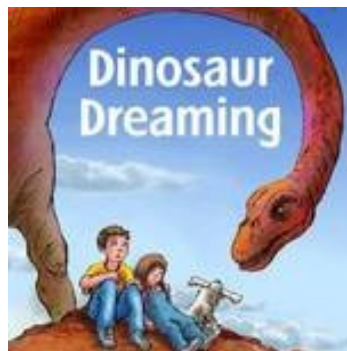
Dinosaur Dreaming

By Justin D'Ath & Illustrated by Mike Spoor

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Winton, Poppy and their dog Banjo are on holiday with their Nan and Pa on their farm in Queensland. Winton is passionate about dinosaurs and when their dog finds a bone, he and Poppy play Pretend, starting out on an adventure in the time of the dinosaurs. Dinosaur Dreaming is a beautifully illustrated and effortlessly informative book that brings to life a child's love of dinosaurs.



Themes:

- Dinosaurs
- Imagination
- Palaeontology

Discussion Points:

- As a class, brainstorm what you know about dinosaurs.
- How long ago did they live?
- Dinosaurs are now referred to as 'extinct'. What does this mean? How did this happen?
- Can you name any other creatures that are extinct or close to extinction?
- Recall the names of three of the dinosaurs from the story. Have you ever heard of the dinosaurs mentioned?
- Poppy & Winton liked to be on the farm with their Nan & Pa and they even liked the chores. Make a list of the jobs that would need to be done. Which would be your favourite and least favourite?
- The children liked to pretend and use their imagination. What is your favourite 'pretend' game to play? What do you like about it? Do you play it with someone else or on your own?
- Do you know the name of people who explore for fossils? What would be interesting about this job?

Activities:

- Read what Dr Scott has written at the back of the book. From his description, make a diorama of how you think Queensland would have looked 100 million years ago.
- Choose one of the dinosaurs at the back of the book. Without looking up any more information, draw how you think it would look. Once completed, source a picture of it to see how close you got.
- As a class, create a 'pretend' verbal adventure story about dinosaurs, with each student contributing a new sentence about what they saw or did?