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*Teacher Notes and Activities*

## **The Dance Teacher**

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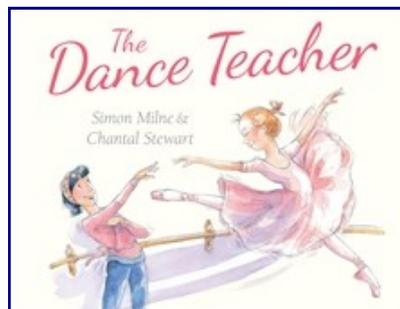
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*One day a little girl peers around the door of Miss Sylvie's dance studio. 'I want to be a ballerina,' she says.*

Isabelle loves to dance. She practises her five positions over and over again. But does she have what it takes to achieve her dream, and one day become a prima ballerina?

Celebrating the joy of dance and the role inspirational teachers can play in our lives, *The Dance Teacher* will enchant readers young and old.



### Themes:

- Dancing
- Following your dreams
- Sacrifices
- Teaching

### Discussion Points:

- Isabelle had a dream to be a dancer. What do you dream of doing or being when you are older?
- Why do you dream of doing that? Is it something that you love to do? What do you love about it?
- Isabelle formed a lovely relationship with Miss Sylvie and she encouraged her to achieve her best. How important can teachers be in our life?
- Isabelle said 'Teaching is the best job in the world.' What do you think would be the best part about being a teacher? What would be the hardest part? Ask your teacher if they agree with you.
- The story mentions many different forms of dance. Do you know anything about these? Share what you know with the class.
- This book shows us all that to achieve anything you must work hard and sacrifice. What have you sacrificed so far to allow you to pursue an activity?
- How much hard work do you think you will have to do in the future to achieve your goal?
- Isabelle's sacrifices paid off and her dancing took her to the highest level and allowed her to travel the world. Where could your ultimate dream take you?

### Activities:

- Choose an activity or a sport that you love. Make a poster that highlights what is great about the activity that would encourage others to try it.
- Write a letter or draw a picture for a teacher who you admire and who inspires you.