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Teacher Notes and Activities

Gallipoli

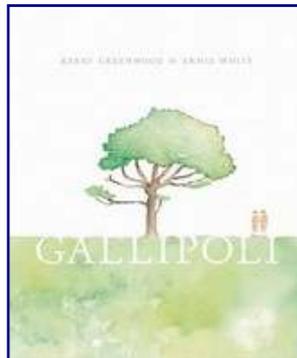
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It was 1914 and Dusty and Bluey were headed for adventure. They were ANZACs, members of the Australian Light Horse, on their way to the Great War. The story of Bluey and Dusty is a story of family and friendship. It is the story of Gallipoli.



Themes:

- Gallipoli
- War
- Mateship

Discussion Points:

- When you hear the word 'Gallipoli' what do you think of?
- What do you know about it?
- Why is Gallipoli such an infamous place in the history of Australia?
- Bluey and Dusty were ANZACs. What does this mean?
- Many Australians travel to Gallipoli on ANZAC day to commemorate and remember. Is it important to not forget what happened there? If so, why?
- Can understanding what our troops went through make us appreciate what they did? Explain.
- There can be very few positive things that come from war. Is mateship one of them? Discuss.
- Bluey and Dusty experienced many hardships during their time away. How and why do you think they managed to remain friends for life?
- The stretcher bearer John Simpson and his donkey Duffy are also mentioned in the story. Have you heard of Simpson and his donkey before? What do you know about them and the role that they played?
- A war has an impact on the whole society. As a class, investigate who else, other than just the soldiers fighting the actual battle, contributed to the war. Think about all aspects - including machinery, food, medicine etc. How difficult would it have been to co-ordinate all the things that were needed to fight such a battle?

Activities:

- In small groups, conduct your own research project on Gallipoli. Find at least five facts that you were unaware of before you commenced your project. Present your findings to the class, in any form.
- Imagine you are a soldier at Gallipoli. Write a letter home telling of your experiences.