

# Wings of Glory

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# BOOK TALK CARDS



Spark discussion and foster a reading community with our top picks



## ABOUT THE BOOK

Linus, a plucky young swift, joins the Royal Bird Force with two missions: help the war effort, and find his missing sister.



## OUR THOUGHTS

"This is perfect for Reading for Pleasure collections across KS2, but also for WW2 topics looking for an alternative slant or for suggested extension reading around the topic."



## THEMES:

- Bravery
- Perseverance
- Ambition
- Resilience

## TIME TO TALK

- 1 'Eternal gratitude' – what does this phrase mean in the context of the story? What does it mean to you?
- 2 How do Linus and Ava's feelings about signing up differ? Do you think one is right or wrong?
- 3 Consider the terms 'enemy' and 'ally' in chapter two. What makes someone an enemy or an ally? Can this status change?
- 4 Is Linus responsible for what happens to Ava? Why or why not? How does he try to compensate for this?
- 5 Linus is disappointed to be placed in B Squadron. How does he overcome this feeling? Can you relate it to a time when you have felt disappointed?
- 6 Why does Atticus choose to help Linus? Can you think of a time when someone has really invested
- 7 invested in helping you?
- 7 Consider the resistance fighters and how easily they are misinterpreted. What dangers are there with snap judgements? When are you forced into making a quick decision?
- 8 Lord Speckles is a frustrating character for Linus and Marcus. How do they manage their frustration and work with Lord Speckles?
- 9 Think about the character of Marmaduke. Can you understand at all how he came to be the traitor? Is he entirely to blame? What might help him to change?
- 10 Is the return of Ava likely or not? Does this help to make the ending of the story more appealing or detract because of the unlikelihood of it happening?

## TAKE THE TEXT FURTHER WITH OUR TOP 5 TEXTS TO CONTINUE THE THEME:



Friends and Traitors by Helen Peters



Sweet Skies by Robin Scott-Elliott



Code Name Kingfisher by Liz Kessler



Toto the Ninja Cat and the Great Snake Escape by Dermot O'Leary and Nick East (illustrator)



Toto the Ninja Cat and the Incredible Cheese Heist by Dermot O'Leary and Nick East (illustrator)