

PERSEVERANCE - FOURTH GRADE

Book and Lesson will be together in the media center. Materials are in the cabinet immediately to your left when you enter the media center.

Materials:

Clorinda by Robert Kinerk
Perseverance poster

Activity:

Lead discussion with students: What is perseverance?

- never give up
- persistent determination
- continuing or repeating behavior
- refusing to stop
- continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure or opposition

Display definition on the poster and read aloud

Introduce book entitled *Clorinda* by Robert Kinerk. Look at the cover of the book. Ask students to make a prediction. What will this book be about?

Read book, stopping periodically to discuss.

What did Clorinda want to be? (a ballet dancer)

What did she have to do to become a dance? (she went to New York, she had to get another job, she had to try out but kept getting rejected, finally she was hired to be in Giselle)

What happened in the Giselle performance? (she fall and squished her partner)

Questions:

Who in the story showed perseverance? (Clordina)

How do you know? (She stuck with it, went to many try outs even after being turned away, she kept dancing even after she fell)

Ask students to share times that they've struggled but kept trying and eventually succeeded.