

The Timekeepers: First Flight

S J King

BOOK TALK CARDS



Spark discussion and foster a reading community with our top picks



ABOUT THE BOOK

A secret organisation of kids keeping history on track are whirled back to 1903, where the villain DeLay has stolen the Wright Brothers' wheel, preventing their first successful flight...



OUR THOUGHTS

"A super blend of fiction based in reality. This would be perfect to encourage pupils who are not yet enthusiastic fiction readers, but have an interest in history."



THEMES:

- Invention • Adventure
- Time travel •
- Team work • Perseverance

TIME TO TALK

- 1 Is there something you have always longed to do like Yasmin? think you should be doing be helpful or harmful?
- 2 What do the Wright brothers experiments suggest about perseverance?
- 3 The brothers and the children's understanding of words is different on p.40 – can you think of any other examples where words cause misunderstanding?
- 4 Why do you think the brothers' sister is not so well known? Would this be different if they had been alive today?
- 5 How do the characters we meet follow less expected paths for their gender at times? How can what others
- 6 Wilbur talks of how the others have inspired them p.100, is there anyone who inspires you? In what way? What do you find inspiring about them?
- 7 If you could be remembered in history for something, what would you like it to be and why?
- 8 The Wright brothers were influenced by studying bird wings. Can you think of another animal that we could learn from? What animal would you choose and what could we take from its behaviour, movement and/or appearance...?

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



Paper Planes
by Jim Helmore and
Richard Jones (illustrator)



What We'll Build
by Oliver Jeffers



*The Secret Explorers and the
Plant Poachers* by S J King



A Secret In Time
by Sally Nicholls



A Recipe For Trouble
by Sarah Todd Taylor