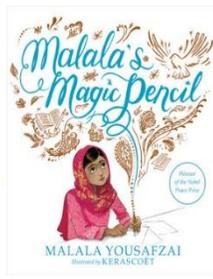


# July Spotlight Book



Listen to the Read Aloud of the true story [Malala's Magic Pencil](#) by Malala Yousafzai then complete the following learning activities. Don't forget to share pictures of your learning fun on our Facebook Group [Soar in 4 Manatee Community!](#)

Florida Standards Based Learning  
IV. Language and Literacy  
A. Listening and Understanding

VII. Creative Expression Through the Arts  
C. Creative Movement

## Pre-Reading Activity

Before reading any book, always discuss the Title, Author, and Illustrator. What does the title tell us? Why is the author important? What is an Illustrator?

- We will be reading about a little girl named Malala. She wished she had a magic pencil to use to make the world a better, more peaceful place. If you had a magic pencil, what would you draw to make a better world? Tell me why you think it will make things better.
- The author Malala Yousafzai writes about her own experience growing up in Pakistan. This type of book is called an auto biography. An auto biography tells the story of a person, and in this book, the person is Malala. Malala has an important story to tell us. Look at the pictures on the cover, what do you think her story may be about?

## Read Aloud Discussion

This story is about a girl who used her voice and her work to promote world peace and the rights of girls to an education.

- Do you believe in magic? What magical things do you believe in?
- “One child... one teacher... one book... one pen... Can Change the World” – What did Malala mean when she said this?
- What was the most important thing you learned from reading this story?

## Writing Ideas

- What are some opportunities for you to speak up about something you believe in to make a difference?
- Imagine you have a magic pencil. Draw 2 things that would come out of your magic pencil and then write about them.

## S.T.E.A.M

### Make Your Own Scratch Art!

#### Materials:

- White Card Stock (any dimension you want your art to be)
- Crayons
- Black Tempera Paint
- Liquid Laundry or Dishwasher Detergent
- Paintbrush
- Toothpick, Chopstick, or Etching Pencil

#### Steps:

1. Use crayons to color a pattern on the card stock.
2. Mix paint with detergent in equal parts.
3. Apply the paint-detergent mixture to the crayoned paper in long, thick strokes.
4. Allow the paint to dry for a few hours.
5. Use a sketching tool (toothpick, chopstick, or unsharpened pencil) to scratch off a masterpiece design.

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### Growth Mindset & Social Emotional Learning Connections

- What do you dream of becoming? Do you have a message of hope?
- Make a drawing of all the ways you could help people if you had a magic pencil. Are there any you could do now?

### At Home Community Connection

- Malala started out wishing for magic to make a change. She soon realized that using her pencil to write about how things could change, resulted in real change being made. Do you think Malala is brave to stand up for what she believes? Do you think it is hard to be brave? What are the good parts of being brave? What are the hard parts? Draw a picture or write about when you were brave.
- Do you think all children should be able to attend school? Make a list of the reasons all children should be able to go to school. Make a list of what might happen if some children were not allowed to go to school.
- Create your own Magic Pencil book. After you complete your answers, interview your friends and family to see what they would do with a magic pencil.

If I had a magic pencil, I would . . . I would change it because . . . It would improve

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**Spotlight sneak peak!**

