



**WORDS ARE ONLY
HALF THE STORY**

Lesson Plan for the Amulet Series by Kazu Kibuishi

Pre-Reading Activities:

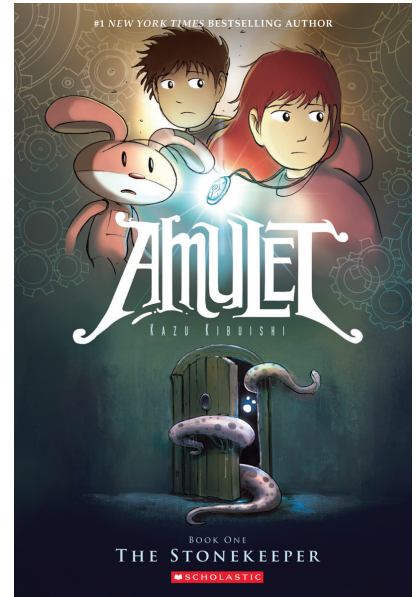
1. Ask students to think of a power they would like to have. How would they use it? For example, strength, reading minds, or walking through walls.
2. Ask students to write or illustrate how they would show the following concepts in a comic (no words): a bad smell, a phone ringing, thinking, shouting, heat.

During Reading:

1. Ask students to identify when they first determine the book is fantasy. How do they know? What are other clues?
2. Ask students to explain the use of the Prologue in Book 1. Ask them to explain why the author chose to present the story in that way rather than to explain the father's death in the dialogue.
3. The stories are one complete book with no chapter breaks. Discuss with students how to determine a place to stop if you don't have time to read the Amulet books in one sitting.

Post Reading:

1. Create your own Amulet graphic comic here: www.scholastic.com/amulet/makeyourown
2. Have students choose one character and create a series of diary entries. Students may choose any of the books in the series.



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