



Flying with the Little Prince!

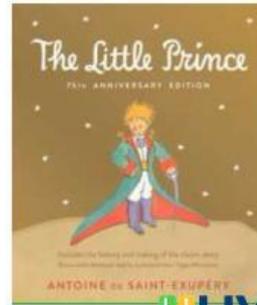
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Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, the writer-pilot.

Activity 1: Read the biography and fill in the blanks with the following linking words: when, also, at first, finally, then.

Born in 1900, Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, was a French writer, poet, journalist and pioneering pilot. When he was younger, he tried to make a flying bicycle and experienced his first flight at 12. Flying was actually the central point of many of his stories and he used it to express freedom and exploration. _____, he won several of France's highest literary awards and the United States National Book Award. He is best remembered for his novel *The Little Prince*, which has been translated into 300 languages and has inspired many children and adults all over the world.

_____, he was a successful commercial pilot. _____ World War II broke out, he joined the French air force to fight against Germany. _____, he spent 28 months in America, writing three of his most influential works. _____, he went on one last mission with his plane in 1944, but disappeared over the clouds.



The Little Prince, a literary masterpiece.

Activity 2: Work in pairs and answer the following questions.

1. What did you like about the story? How did it make you feel?
2. What is flight important in the story? Is it linked to the narrator? Is the story autobiographical?
3. What is the life lesson the narrator and the Little Prince learn?



Published in 1940, *The Little Prince*, written by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, is one of the most well-known books of all time. Fascinated by flight and exploration, the author wrote a story about a young prince from a distant planet, who travelled around the world to understand the meaning of life.

The narrator of the story crashes his airplane at the Sahara desert. There, he meets a strange Little Prince, who 'fell from the sky' and flew with a flock of birds. Then, he tells him his story. At first, the Prince lived with his beautiful rose, but he grew bored and decided to fly to different planets. Also, he met many grown-ups, like a king, a businessman and a geographer but they only cared about silly things, like money, numbers and fame.

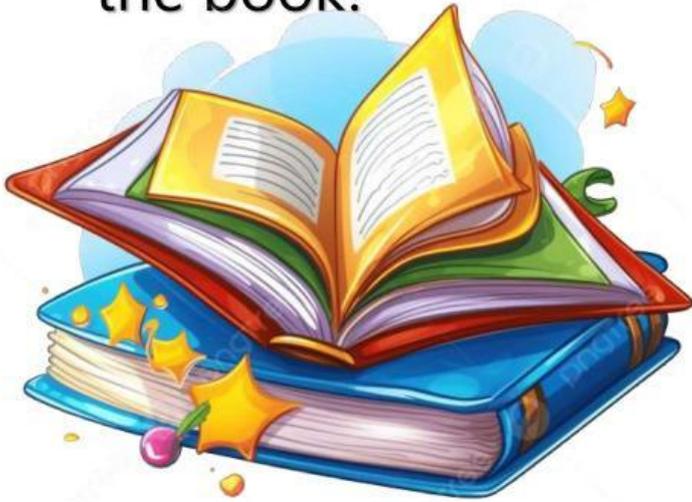
When he flew to Earth, he met a clever fox. It taught him that the most important things in life are love and friendship, something that takes time, effort and care. The Little Prince realized that despite all of his adventures, he missed his special rose and decided to go back to his planet to take care of her.

Finally, the narrator was sad when the Little Prince disappeared, but it gave him hope because he imagined him continuing his flight among the stars and reuniting with his flower. He repaired his plane and returned home. The man was inspired by the Little Prince's determination and imagination and learnt a valuable life lesson.

"One sees clearly only with the heart. What is essential is invisible to the eye."

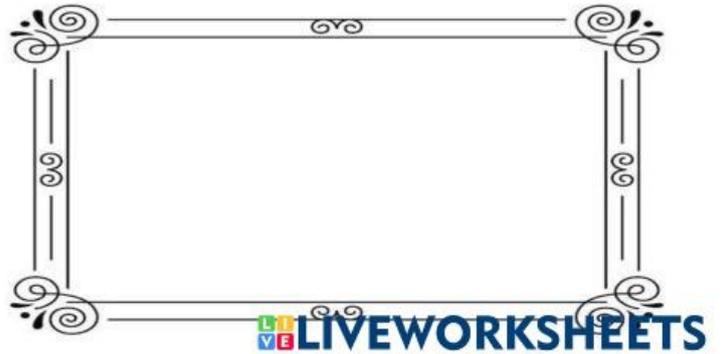


Activity 4: Imagine that you are at the book presentation with Jim. Present your opinion of the book!



Tips:

- Before reading your work, decide who reads each part out loud.
- You can also draw a picture of the Little Prince or write a short dialogue or poem below.



Activity 5: Language Focus

A) Analysis: Read the following dialogue between the Little Prince and the narrator (Antoine) and find the linking words. What do they mean?

N: I flew with my airplane but it crashed.

LP: Wow. I fell from the sky too.

N: Where are you from little man? Where is your home?

LP: At first, I lived on a tiny asteroid (B-12) with my rose, but then I flew with the birds. Secondly, I visited a king who wanted to rule everything. Next, I met a businessman who counted stars to own them. Also, there was a geographer, who studied without ever exploring! In the end, I met a fox and became friends with it.

- B) Now play the game and help the Little Prince return to his home planet!

[The Little Prince Game!](#)