

John Deere, That's Who! Classroom Discussion Ideas

Did You Know?

- John Deere had nothing to do with tractors! He died thirty-two years before his company began selling them.
- Many farmers who used wooden plows in the 1830s believed iron or steel would poison the soil.
- Deere & Company is one of America's oldest manufacturing companies.

After Reading

- John experienced setbacks early in his life but he kept going. Why is it important to never give up?
- Much of what historians know about John comes from recollections of his family and friends. Ask an adult family member what he or she recalls about growing up—favorite games, playmates, pets, or dreams for the future. Record the stories to share with other family members.
- John's plow solved a problem for prairie farmers in the 1830s. Think of modern inventions. What problems did they solve? What do you wish you could invent? Why?



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2018 Best STEM Books List,
National Science Teachers
Association

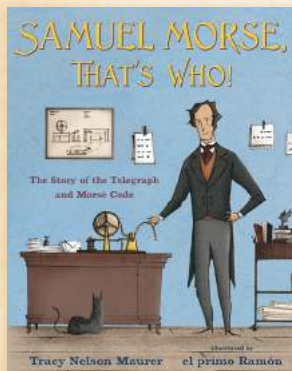


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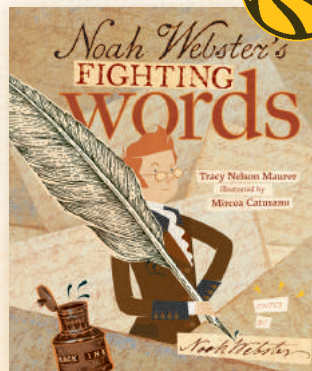
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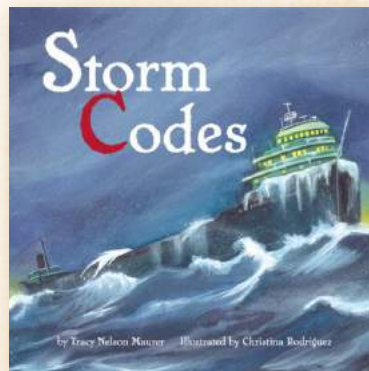
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(Coming 2019)



*Noah Webster's
Fighting Words*



2017 Best Picture Books
List, New York Public Library



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