

Fantasy

# Little Blue's Dream

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Hello, Little Dipper!

## STRATEGIES & SKILLS

### Comprehension

**Strategy:** Make and  
Confirm Predictions

**Skill:** Cause and Effect

### Vocabulary

another, climb, full, great,  
leaped, poor, stretched,  
through

### Phonics

*r*-controlled vowels *er, ir,*  
*ur, or*

### Content Standards

#### Science

Earth Science

Word count: 253\*\*

\*\*The total word count is based on words in the running text and headings only. Numerals and words in captions, labels, diagrams, charts, and sidebars are not included.



**Genre Fantasy**



**Essential Question**

What can you see in the sky?

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The little blue bird stretched  
to see the great night sky.  
The stars twinkled.



“Mama, why are the stars so bright?” Little Blue asked.

Mama Bird said, “The full moon is sleeping. That makes the stars easier to see.”



“When I fly, will I touch the stars?” Little Blue asked.

Mama Bird said, “No, the stars are too far away.”

"My dream is to fly to the stars," said Little Blue.

"It's time for bed now,"  
Mama said.



**STOP AND CHECK**

What are Little Blue and  
Mama talking about?

Mama Bird fell asleep. But Little Blue was awake! She started to climb the tree.







She jumped through tree branches. She leaped to the top. But the stars were still too far away!



The wind blew. Whoosh!  
Another puff blew poor Little  
Blue out of the tree!

She yelled, "Help! I'm  
falling!"

Little Blue flapped her wings.



Mama bird said, "You're not falling! You're flying!"

**STOP AND CHECK**

What is Little Blue doing?



“Part of your dream is to fly,” said Mama Bird.

“I did fly, didn’t I?” Little Blue chirped.

Little Blue fell asleep. She dreamed she flew very high. And she touched the stars with her wings.



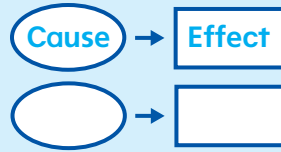
**STOP AND CHECK**

What happened in Little Blue's dream?

# Respond to Reading

## Retell

Use the chart to retell *Little Blue's Dream*.



## Text Evidence

1. Look at page 6. Why did Little Blue climb the tree?

Cause and Effect

2. Why didn't Little Blue fall?

Cause and Effect

3. Is *Little Blue's Dream* a pretend story or is it real? Why? Genre




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CCSS

Genre Nonfiction

Compare Texts

Read more about the night sky.



You can use a telescope to see stars.

A lot of stars are in the sky. The sun is a star. Most stars are very far from Earth. Stars are always there. But we can see only the bright sun during the day.



The Little Dipper is made up of seven stars.



Some groups of stars make shapes in the sky. These shapes have names. The Little Dipper is one of these shapes. The stars of the Little Dipper make a dipper shape. It looks like a big spoon in the sky!



### Make Connections

Look at both stories. What do the children and Little Blue see?

**Text to Text**

# Focus on Science

**Purpose** To find out what can be seen in the sky

## What to Do

**Step 1** Tell what you can see in the night sky. Write a list.

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**Step 2** Draw a poster to show what you can see.

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**Step 3** Talk about your poster. Tell what it shows.

**Conclusion** What can you see in the night sky?

# Thinkmark

## Characters

What is Little Blue like?

## Plot

What is Little Blue's problem in the story? How does she solve it?

## Make Connections

What do you like to see in the night sky?