

The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street

By Karina Yan Glaser

HAVE
FUN!



Discuss

Talk through your thoughts.

- In the book it is said that, “Home is much more than a place.” What does this mean in the book? What does this mean to you? Describe what this looks and feels like to someone.
- What does it mean to be persuasive? To persuade? Talk about how the children in the book used the art of persuasion. When do you try to use persuasion and why?

Create

Make an experience of your own.

- Create a map of your community. Identify the important landmarks – streets, friends’ houses, outdoor play areas, schools, etc.
- With permission, bake some delicious cookies like Mrs. Vanderbeeker. Draw and write about the characters on paper plates, then eat the cookies on these “character plates.”

Imagine

Use your imagination to explore.

- The author was rejected eight times before this book was accepted to be published! What would you say to the author about her book now that you’ve read it? Imagine you can do a virtual call with the author. Plan out what you would say and/or ask her.

Explore

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