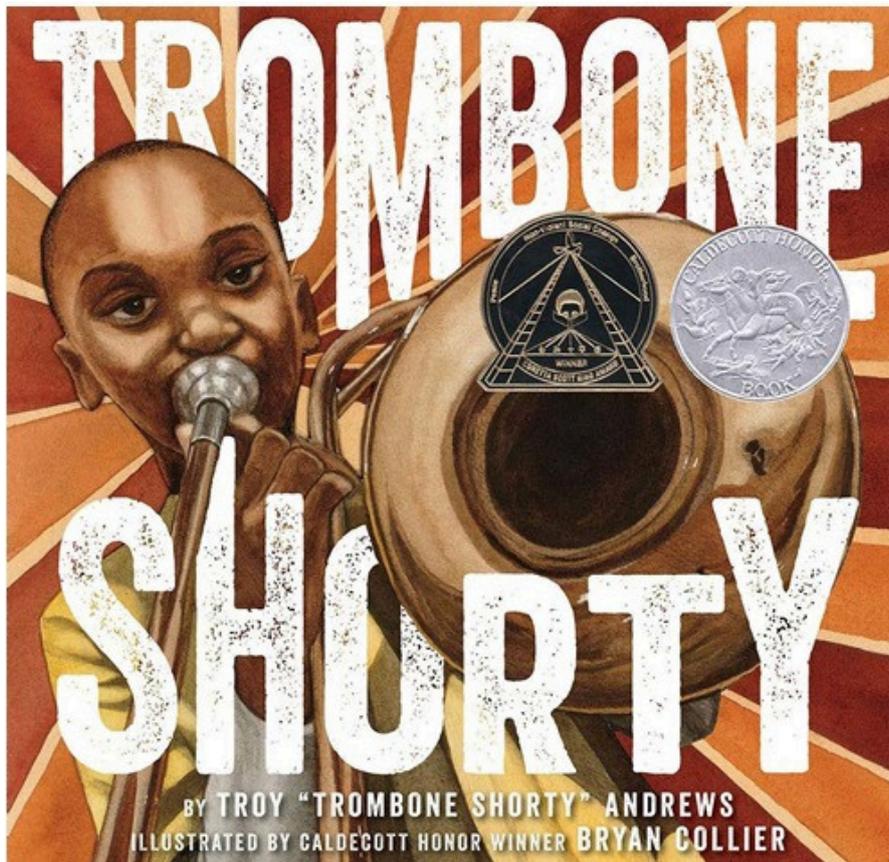


# Trombone Shorty

A Guide for Teachers and Parents



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## THEMES

Biography

Culture & Tradition

Community

Social and Emotional Learning

## SUB-THEMES

Jazz traditions

Musical instruments

# Story Discussion Guide

Children will:

- Understand the impact of homelessness on children.
- Recognize global housing insecurity and its effect on education.
- Reflect on social exclusion and bullying due to poverty.
- Cultivate empathy and respect for all peers.
- Inspire strength and hope in children facing hardship.

## Lesson Plan

Students explore the musical culture of New Orleans and the universal nature of music.

## Learning Outcome

### Warm-Up Questions:

- What kinds of music do you enjoy? How does it make you feel?
- Have you ever practiced something challenging?
- What do you know about jazz or New Orleans?

### During Reading : – Pause to Ask:

- Why does Troy practice everywhere?
- What does playing a broken trombone show about him?
- How does Troy's brother support him? What do the illustrations show about Tremé?
- How might Troy have felt on stage?

### After Reading –:– Discussion Questions:

- What qualities helped Troy succeed?
- How does music bring communities together? Why is music universal and loved everywhere? What dream do YOU have, and
- what step could you take toward it?

## Activities:

1. Feel the Beat—body percussion rhythm workshop.
2. Map the Music—explore New Orleans, compare with global music traditions
3. My Dream, My Path—draw/write a personal dream and steps toward it.
4. Community Soundscape—create an art mural of community sounds
5. Instrument Families—learn brass, woodwind, percussion, strings.

## Expected Outcomes

- Music as emotional, cultural, and universal
- How communities nurture young talent.
- Cultural uniqueness in global music traditions.
- Shared humanity expressed through creativity and dreams.

## Applicable SDGs

SDG 4 – Quality Education

SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities

SDG 16 – Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions

## ABOUT ZAMASAMA

Zamasama is a nonprofit initiative that curates children's stories from diverse cultures and lived experiences around the world. It gives children a window into other communities—and a mirror that affirms their own, helping children recognize the shared humanity that connects us across differences.

Through narratives that gently challenge biases and broaden worldviews, Zamasama helps children see difference not as a barrier but as a bridge. Through the power of stories, we sow the seeds of pluralism that can grow into a more harmonious world for all.