



## Teacher's Notes: Crows

**General Tips:** The goal is to build background knowledge while leading an engaging discussion on any and all information that can be talked about on a given page. The items that you choose to bring up or focus on can be modified for the students you are working with. For example, if you have a student who can point to something in the picture, answer yes/no questions be sure to incorporate a lot more of that as you go through the book. On the same token, be sure to ask a lot of comprehension questions and critical thinking questions at the level appropriate for students working on those skills. There is something for everyone.

**Addressing problem solving:** Throughout the e-book, help students identify the problems that are involved and choice making opportunities throughout the article.

**Page 1** A theme park is a park with shows and rides like Disney World. There is a theme park in France that is all about the middle ages. There are castles, knights and shows there. **Point:** castle, knights, flags  
**Questions:** Where is the theme park? **Connect:** Have you ever been to a theme park?

**Page 2:** There are a lot of fun shows at the theme park. There are actors in the shows. There are birds doing tricks in some of the shows. **Point:** woman, tree, bird **Questions:** What is in the shows? **Connect:** Have you ever gone to a show?

**Page 3:** The theme park has a trainer who works with the birds. The trainer teaches the birds tricks and what to do in the shows. **Point:** bird trainer, bird **Question:** **Connection:** Training is like teaching. Some people train their dogs to do tricks. Do you have a dog? Has your dog been trained to do a trick?

**Page 4:** People who visit the theme park like to see the trained birds. **Point:** tourists, bird **Questions:** Who likes to see the birds perform? **Connect:** Have you ever seen a bird do tricks?

**Page 5:** Some of the people who visit the theme park smoke cigarettes. **Point:** man, sunglasses, beard, cigarette, smoke **Questions:** What do some people do at theme park? What do some people smoke? **Connect:** Do you know anyone who smokes cigarettes?

**Page 6:** Littering is when you throw things on the ground instead of in the trash can. Some people throw their cigarettes on the ground when they are done smoking. Cigarettes people are finished smoking are called cigarette butts. **Point:** ground, cigarette butts, shoe **Questions:** What do some people throw on the ground? What is it called when you throw things on the ground instead of a garbage can? **Connect:** Have you ever seen anyone litter? Is littering a good or bad thing to do?

**Page 7:** The bird trainer did not like the littering. He trained some of his crows to pick up the cigarette butts and put them in the garbage can. Crows are a type of black bird. **Questions:** What did the trainer train the crows to do? Who trained the crows? **Connect:** Have you ever picked up litter and put it in the garbage can?

**Page 8:** Once the crows were trained, they started to pick up the cigarette butts at the park. **Point:** crows, grass, garbage can, litter, August calendar **Questions:** When did the crows start to pick up the litter? **Connect:**

**Page 9:** The crows are working hard to pick up people's litter. People should put their trash in the garbage. **Point:** garbage can, hand, trash **Questions :** Why should people put their trash in the garbage can? **Connect:** Where do you put your trash?