



# Reader's Guide for **BEFORE WE STOOD TALL** From Small Seed to Mighty Tree

## Book Scavenger Hunt

- How many animals can you find?
- How many birds can you find?
  - Find something red ... brown ... yellow.

## Discussion Questions

- What conversation would you have with a tree?
- How is this book like a poem?
- How are we like the trees in the forest? How are we different?

## Content Connections for Teachers

Repetition of Phrases and Words  
Use of Punctuation  
Point of View  
Trees/Forests  
Life Cycle  
Imagery  
Seeds

## Artistic Activities

Collect several leaves and pieces of bark from the ground outside and make crayon or pencil rubbings.  
Use everyone's leaf to make a forest in your home, classroom or library.

## Writing Prompts

- Write about a "before" time.
- Compare and contrast different types of forests.
- Write a backwards life cycle from the perspective of something else in nature.

## Physical Activities

**Pass the Leaves** Break children into two lines. Give the first child in each line handmade leaves. The goal is to pass the leaves from the first to the last child in the line as quickly as possible.

**Tree Tag** One person is the tree (tagger). As each person is tagged, they also become a tree and try to tag the others.



