**Winnie: The True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh**

by Sally M. Walker, illustrated by Jonathan D. Voss  
  
1. Build Background Knowledge: Read this book aloud with children and pair it with [*Fur, Fins, and Feathers*](https://teachingwithpicturebooks.wordpress.com/2015/08/10/fur-fins-and-feathers-abraham-dee-bartlett-and-the-invention-of-the-modern-zoo-by-cassandre-maxwell/) by Cassandre Maxwell to get a background look at the London Zoo as a care-taking spot for Winnie.    
  
2. Video source from the back of the book: <http://www.britishpathe.com/video/secrets-of-nature-hold-all>

3. As you read the book with children, pair it with Winnie the Pooh stories.  Share the endpapers; they provide primary sources of Harry, Winnie, and Christopher Robin.

4. Here are some sources from the back of the book:

<http://www.fortgarryhorse.ca/K343/index.php/winnie-the-bear>

5. Eight lessons for Winnie the Pooh Day:

<http://www.educationworld.com/node/40975>

6. Have children do a research project on real bears.

7. Pair this version of the story with that of the Caldecott Winner: *Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear* by Lindsay Mattick. How is it the same? How is it different?

Video resource:

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5crtUwQl9Y>)