

Freedom Soup



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Join the celebration in the kitchen as a family makes their traditional New Year's soup — and shares the story of how Haitian independence came to be.



Use *Freedom Soup* in your classroom to talk about family history and tradition, the Haitian Revolution, and music.

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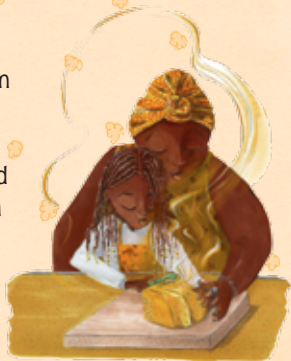
* Locate Haiti on a globe or map and read the author's note at the back of the book to learn more about the Haitian Revolution. Ask students why they think it's so important for Ti Gran to share the history of Freedom Soup with her granddaughter.

* Ti Gran is what Belle calls her grandmother. Ask students to discuss the different names they use for their own grandparents or other relatives. What are the origins of those names?



* Discuss your students' New Year's Day or other traditions. Have them bring in a recipe for one of their family's traditional meals and write an explanation of its history and importance.

* Kompa (or compas) is the national music of Haiti. Play some kompa music for the class, then talk about different music styles around the world.



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