BIG RED KANGAROO

BY CLAIRE SAXBY & GRAHAM BYRNE

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This book could be shared with all year levels but used to study reading and writing for the above year levels.

Writing			Reading		
Ideas	\checkmark	Nego See	Determining Importance		
Organisation	\checkmark	The second	Inferring	\checkmark	
Voice	\checkmark		Making Connections		
Word Choice	\checkmark		Predicting		
Sentence Fluency	\checkmark	PIT TEACHE	Questioning	\checkmark	
Conventions			Summarising & Synthesising	\checkmark	
Presentation			Visualising	\checkmark	

Writing

I just LOVE the word choice in this text. It is full of rich vocabulary and imagery that makes you fall in love with the Australian landscape. ("Around them, the night orchestra begins.")

This text really is rhythmical and would be an excellent example of SENTENCE FLUENCY combined with WORD CHOICE. It also demonstrates the VOICE in non-fiction writing. We feel as though Claire Saxby cares about the topic and she is speaking directly to us.

Reading

When reading, the language lends itself to discussion around INFERRING (what might the 'night orchestra' be?) as well as QUESTIONING and SUMMARISING. Because of the imagery, I'd use this text for VISUALISING as well.

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