

# WHAT DO YOU WISH FOR? BY JANE GODWIN AND ANNA WALKER



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Writing	
Ideas	✓
Organisation	✓
Voice	
Word Choice	
Sentence Fluency	✓
Conventions	✓
Presentation	



Reading	
Determining Importance	
Inferring	
Making Connections	✓
Predicting	
Questioning	
Summarising & Synthesising	✓
Visualising	

What Do You Wish For? By Jane Godwin and Anna Walker is a beautiful Christmas story that encourages readers to remember what's really important at this time of the year- friends, family and special moments together. (Although this book was published back in 2015 it is perfect for 2020!)

## Writing

**IDEAS:** This story is another one of Jane Godwin's masterclasses on finding and focusing a topic until it's tight and manageable (e.g. a simple Christmas wish) and then bulking up the refined idea with the addition of supporting details. These details create a strong picture in the reader's mind and help them to visualise and make connections to the story. In terms of **ORGANISATION**, this is a great text to help students identify where the author has slowed the pace down by zooming in with her binoculars on a specific event. (This is a skill that is often forgotten in student writing). As with all of Jane's writing, the sentence fluency is gentle and flowing and wraps you up in a warm hug. (Let's investigate what she has done to make us feel like that.) This book would make a great **CONVENTIONS** study to see just how Jane structures her sentences to be so soft and flowing. Finally, the stunning illustrations cannot be overlooked. Anna Walker's work is gorgeous and certainly worthy of using as a mentor for student illustrations.

## Reading

Jane Godwin's stories are always so relatable to readers and this one is no different. Many text to self, world and text **CONNECTIONS** could be made while reading this beautiful story. After reading this text students could create a response detailing the things that make Christmas special for them (this would make a great poem). Alternatively, they could discuss traditions they have in their family for Christmas (do you have a street party or a Christmas concert?)