

**Zipitio**  
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**Summary:** A story from El Salvador about Zipitio, a character from the Pipil tradition. Fabulously illustrated!

**Vocabulary:**

rhythm	continue	fetch	petticoats
stubborn	tremble	tamale	notions
desperately	precious	mumurs	

**Before Reading Activities:**

1. Locate El Salvador on a map. Sketch and label a representation of the country and its borders in reading journals, using color aggressively.
2. Distribute vocabulary crossword and allow students to self explore the terms. Correct as a group using teacher answer key and student vocabulary glossaries.
3. Generate story predictions based on vocabulary and cover design.
4. Assign independent or buddy reading of the story.

**After Reading Activities:**

1. Read story with students, pausing to discuss similarities and differences between predictions and actual story events.
2. Discuss how students would have felt if they were Rufina. If they were Zipitio?
3. Assign book posters and retellings of the story.
4. Use supplemental activity pages from the unit throughout the week as appropriate.

**Extension and Integration Ideas:**

1. Explore other Latin American folklore.
2. Make paper maché (or other medium) sculptures of Zipitio.
3. Assign current events / country reports / weather comparison charts for El Salvador.