The Princess in Black
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Princesses don’t wear black and they certainly don’t battle warriors, unless of course it is Princess Magnolia, a.k.a. The Princess in Black.

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Author Website: http://www.squeetus.com/stage/main.html
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Nonfiction Title: P is for Princess: A Royal Alphabet by Steven Layne and Deborah Dover Layne

Introduction: Holding up a sparkly tiara and black eye mask or black boots ask the students, which one looks more like a princess? “Things are not always what they seem to be”. You are going to meet Princess Magnolia, a prim and proper princess with a big secret. Her kingdom is very close to a land where monsters live and she is committed to keeping her kingdom free of pesky monsters. Get ready to fly with Frimplepants and the Princess in Black!

Story time Activities:

https://www.pinterest.com/pin/197595502375502031/
Review superhero’s who change from one persona to another, brainstorm and create a list. Pair students and ask them to come up with a character who secretly turns into a superhero. Give students paper and crayons/markers to illustrate their superhero. Using pinterest link above to create foam board characters, let students use camera or iPad to take a "selfie" in character.
Discussion Questions:

1. How does Princess Magnolia know a monster is threatening her kingdom? Princess Magnolia gets a call on her glitter-stone ring when monsters are entering her kingdom. (pg 4.)

2. Who is Princess Magnolia’s partner in crime who “flies” her to the danger? Frimplepants is her trusty accomplice who turns from a unicorn into a horse. (pg. 19)

3. Who is Duff? Duff is a goat boy who is Princes Magnolia’s number one fan. (pg 30)

4. Who was snooping around the castle while Princess Magnolia was fighting the monster? Duchess Wigtower was sneaking around the castle when Princess Magnolia left to fight the monsters. (pg 46)

5. How does Princess Magnolia get in and out of the castle? She enters and exits through a secret tunnel that ends at the broom closet. (pg 80)