

Instructional Overview

Cam Jansen: The Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds
By: David A. Adler
Grade Level: 2 / Guided Reading Level: L

Book Club

Instructional Focus:
Asking and Answering Questions

Background:
As students begin to read longer texts, they will need to develop comprehension strategies that help lead them to deeper thinking and greater understanding of more complex material. By asking and answering questions such as who, what, where, when, why, and how, students will actively engage with the text and be motivated to search for answers to their questions.

Cam Jansen: The Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds is the perfect book for a Book Club focused on asking and answering questions because students will need to use this strategy to help them solve a mystery. Using their natural curiosity, readers will examine clues and evaluate suspects with super-sleuth Cam Jansen and her friend, Eric, to figure out who robbed Parker's Jewelry Store.

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Meeting #1 (Chapters 1 – 3)
Set Expectations for Book Club and Introduce Asking and Answering Questions

Meeting #2 (Chapters 4 – 6)
Asking and Answering Questions about Characters

Meeting #3 (Chapters 7 – 8)
Asking and Answering Questions about Key Details

Meeting #4
Making Inferences to Answer Questions

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Description of the Instructional Focus



List of Materials and Preparation



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- Determine which students will participate in the **Cam Jansen: The Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds** Book Club (4-6 students)
- Gather copies of **Cam Jansen: The Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds** by David A. Adler (1 per student)
- Prepare copies of the Book Club Calendar (1 per student)
- Prepare copies of the Expectations for Book Club (1 per student)
- Prepare copies of the Book Club Reading Response Board (1 per student)
- Prepare Reader's Notebooks (1 per student)
 - These may be spiral notebooks or several sheets of lined paper stapled together, or bound in a folder.
- Prepare 5W's and 1H anchor chart (1)
- Prepare Asking Questions Cube (1)
- Prepare Asking Questions to Solve the Mystery graphic organizer
- Prepare Identifying Suspects Chart (1 per student)
- Prepare I Have/Who Has Game (1 per each group of students)
- Prepare Inferencing Game Strips (1)
- Optional: Prepare Vocabulary Resources (1 set per student)
- Optional: Prepare Student Self-Evaluation Forms (1 per student per meeting)
- Optional: Prepare Assessment Resources (1 set per student)

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