

# Instructional Overview

**Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa**  
By: Erica Silverman  
Grade Level: 2 / Guided Reading Level: K

**Book Club**

**Instructional Focus:**  
Text Structure

**Background:**  
Understanding how a text is organized encourages the development of comprehension across longer texts. Part of this understanding includes identifying key story elements that are commonly found in the beginning, middle, and ending of the story. For example, when readers know that they should what for details about the characters and setting at the beginning of the story, they are able to read with a purpose in mind.

The four short stories in the book, **Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa** provide students with repeated practice of studying text structure. Students will explore the beginning, middle, and end of each story to identify the story elements of characters, setting, events, problem, and solution. The simple dialogue, engaging characters, and colorful illustrations help support readers who are new to chapter books.

**Instructional Overview:**

**Meeting #1** (Chapter 1)  
Set Expectations for Book Club and Introduce Text Structure

**Meeting #2** (Chapter 2)  
Identify Story Elements with Support

**Meeting #3** (Chapter 3)  
Identify Story Elements Independently

**Meeting #4** (Chapter 4)  
Explore Text Structure by Changing the Story Elements

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Description of the Instructional Focus



List of Materials and Preparation



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**Materials and Preparation:**

- Determine which students will participate in the **Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa** Book Club (4-6 students)
- Gather copies of **Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa** by Erica Silverman (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 Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa Story Elements graphic organizer (2 per student)
- Prepare Scissors (1 per pair of students)
- Prepare Sort This! Counting Cows with Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa Sorting Mat and Cards (1 set per pair of students)
- Prepare Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa- The Next Chapter Culminating activity (1 per student)
- 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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