

Instructional Overview

Dog Man
By: Dav Pilkey
Grade Level: 3 / Guided Reading Level: P

Book Club

Instructional Focus:
Role of Illustrations in a Story

Background:
In order to better understand the setting, characters, plot, and theme of a story, strong readers use the literary clues the author incorporates into the text. Illustrations are one of the literary clues that can be effective in increasing comprehension (and enjoyment!); especially for newer, struggling, or reluctant readers.

Dog Man is written in a unique graphic novel style that includes numerous drawings that help support the reader's understanding of the setting, characters, and crazy plot twists. This Book Club focuses on the important role of illustrations not only in improving comprehension of the story, but also aiding in sustaining the reader's attention across the text.

Instructional Overview:

Meeting #1
Introduce Graphic Novels and the Role of Illustrations in a Story

Meeting #2 (Chapter 1)
Exploring Illustrations: Setting

Meeting #3 (Chapter 2)
Exploring Illustrations: Character

Meeting #4 (Chapter 3)
Exploring Illustrations: Plot

Meeting #5 (Chapter 4)
Evaluating the Role of Illustrations in a Story

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Description of the Instructional Focus



List of Book Club Meetings and the Instructional Focus for Each Meeting



List of Materials and Preparation



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Materials and Preparation:

- Determine which students will participate in the **Dog Man** Book Club (4-6 students)
- Gather copies of **Dog Man** by Dav Pilkey (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)
- Prepare The 5 Senses of the Setting Handout (1 per student)
- Prepare Character Frame Handout (1 per student)
- Prepare Picture Scavenger Hunt Handout (1 per student)
- Prepare Cumulative Activity (1 per student)
- Gather Sticky Notes and Chart Paper (for use throughout Book Club)
- 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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