

Instructional Overview

Book Club **Hoot**
By: Carl Hiaasen
Grade Level: 6 / Guided Reading Level: W

Instructional Focus:
Story Elements

Background:
All stories are comprised of story elements; character, plot, conflict, resolution, setting, and theme. These pieces work together to create an enjoyable, easy-to-follow experience for the reader.

The plot "drives the story" and usually begins with the conflict (a problem) and ends with the resolution (solution to the problem). The characters help to move the conflict to resolution and often change throughout the story. Examining characters at the beginning of the story, and then noticing how they change as the story progresses, illustrates to students the impact plot has on characters.

Instructional Overview:

Meeting #1
Introduce Book / What is Plot?

Meeting #2
(Chapters 1-4) Identify and Analyze the Conflict

Meeting #3
(Chapters 5-8) Summarize the Events

Meeting #4
(Chapters 9-12) Discover How Perspective Influences Plot

Meeting #5
(Chapters 13-16) Notice How Characters Change Across the Text

Meeting #6
(Chapters 17-19) Notice How Characters Respond as the Plot Moves to Resolution

Meeting #7
(Epilogue and Final Meeting) Determine the Resolution

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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 *Hoot* Book Club (4-6 students)
- Gather copies of *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen (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 Plot Diagram
- Prepare Hoot Notes Chart
- Prepare Conflict Analysis Chart
- Prepare Event Analysis Chart
- Prepare Characters Change Sheet
- Prepare Character Response to Climax Events Chart
- Definition and examples of Story Elements on chart paper or iPad
- 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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