

Instructional Overview

The Candymakers By: Wendy Mass Grade Level: 5 / Guided Reading Level: U
Book Club
Instructional Focus: Comparing and Contrasting
Background: Comparing and contrasting involves looking at the ways in which two or more things are alike and how they are different. When comparing and contrasting characters in a book, a reader can use character traits, dialogue, and actions to reveal how one character is both alike and different from another. The ways characters interact with each other and how they react to events in the story can also highlight similarities and differences in the character development.
The Candymakers is an excellent text to use for comparing and contrasting characters and events. This story includes four main characters and is structured in a way that each character tells the same story from his or her point of view. Because of this, there are many opportunities for the reader to identify commonalities and differences.
Instructional Overview:
Meeting #1 Set Expectations and Introduce Comparing and Contrasting
Meeting #2 (Part 1: Chapters 1 – 4) Identifying Character Traits Using Thoughts, Dialogue, and Actions
Meeting #3 (Part 1: Chapters 5 – 7) Comparing Character Traits
Meeting #4 (Part 2) Comparing and Contrasting Settings
Meeting #5 (Part 3) Comparing and Contrasting Events
Meeting #6 (Part 4) Analyzing How Character Relationships are Built Through Similarities and Differences
Meeting #7 (Part 5: Chapters 1 – 4) Analyzing How Characters Affect the Resolution
Final Meeting (Part 5: Chapters 5-9) Reflecting on Comparing and Contrasting
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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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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Determine which students will participate in the The Candymakers Book Club (4 – 6 students)<input type="checkbox"/> Gather copies of The Candymakers by Wendy Mass (1 per student)<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare copies of the Book Club Calendar (1 per student)<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare copies of the Expectations for Book Club (1 per student)<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare copies of the Book Club Reading Response Board (1 per student)<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Reader's Notebooks (1 per student)<ul style="list-style-type: none">o These may be spiral notebooks or several sheets of lined paper stapled together, or bound in a folder.<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Compare and Contrast anchor chart<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Sample Candy Venn Diagram<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Smartphone vs. Computer activity<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Signs (1 per group)<input type="checkbox"/> Venn Diagram (1 per student)<input type="checkbox"/> Descriptive Statements (1 per group)<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Venn Diagram for Four Characters anchor chart<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Tracking Character Traits graphic organizer (1 per student)<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Venn Diagram for Settings (1 per student)<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Venn Diagram for Story Events (1 per student)<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Character Relationships graphic organizer (2 per student)<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Fantastic Foursome graphic organizer<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Making Harmonicandy (1 per group)<input type="checkbox"/> Saving the Factory (1 per student)<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare This or That? The Candymakers Edition Culminating activity<input type="checkbox"/> Gather Sticky Notes and Chart Paper (for use throughout Book Club)<input type="checkbox"/> Optional: Prepare Vocabulary Resources (1 set per student)<input type="checkbox"/> Optional: Prepare Student Self-Evaluation Forms (1 per student per meeting)<input type="checkbox"/> Optional: Prepare Assessment Resources (1 set per student)
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