

Instructional Overview

Book Club

The Chocolate Touch
By: Patrick Skene Catling
Grade Level: 3 / Guided Reading Level: N

Instructional Focus:

Determining Theme

Background:

The theme of a story is the overarching message of a book. Authors often illustrate the theme of their story through multiple story elements. As a result, it's important to teach readers to look for evidence of the theme in both the characters and the plot while using key comprehension strategies to determine theme.

Instructional Overview:

Meeting #1

Set Expectations for Book Club and Introduce Determining Theme

Meeting #2 (Chapter 2)

Notice the Link Between Character Traits and Theme

Meeting #3 (Chapters 3 and 4)

Making Inferences About A Character's Feelings and How They Connect to the Theme

Meeting #4 (Chapters 5 and 6)

Examining the Problem to Identify Theme

Meeting #5 (Chapters 7 and 8)

Connecting Changes in Character Perspective to Theme

Meeting #6 (Chapters 9 and 10)

Predicting Theme

Meeting #7 (Chapters 11 and 12)

Exploring the Author's Message to Identify Theme

Instructional Focus

Description of the Instructional Focus

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

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Materials and Preparation:

- Determine which students will participate in the *The Chocolate Touch* Book Club (4-6 students)
- Gather copies of *The Chocolate Touch* by Patrick Skene Catling (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 Tracking Theme Through Literary Elements & Literary Tools (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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