

# Instructional Overview

**The Hundred Dresses**  
By: Eleanor Estes  
Grade Level: 3 / Guided Reading Level: P

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**Book Club**

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**Instructional Focus:**  
Characters (Traits, Emotions, and Motivations)

**Background:**  
Understanding a story begins with understanding the characters. Authors use characters to drive the plot, cause conflict, solve problems, and inspire strong emotions in the reader by making him/her feel what the character is feeling.

When readers explore a character's traits, emotions and motivations, they can further their understanding of the text. *The Hundred Dresses* centers around three main characters: friends Peggy and Maddie, and their classmate Wanda. This makes it an excellent fit for students to use to explore how the characters' traits, emotions, and motivations impact the story's plot.

**Instructional Overview:**

**Meeting #1**  
Introduce Character Traits, Emotions, and Motivations

**Meeting #2**  
Exploring Character Traits

**Meeting #3**  
Exploring Character Emotions

**Meeting #4**  
Exploring Character Motivation and Actions

**Meeting #5**  
Wrapping Up Character

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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 *The Hundred Dresses* Book Club (4-6 students)
- Gather copies of *The Hundred Dresses* by Eleanor Estes (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 Character Chart on chart paper (for use throughout Book Club)
- Prepare Reader's Notebooks (1 per student)
- Prepare Character Anchor Chart for \_\_\_\_\_ (3 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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