

# Instructional Overview

## Book Club

### The Lightning Thief

By: Rick Riordan

Grade Level: 6 / Guided Reading Level: W

#### Instructional Focus:

Determining Theme

#### Background:

Understanding theme, requires direct teaching of the skill and opportunity to practice. Often, the ability to determine theme is a concept that is not developed until students reach the upper elementary grades. A reader brings life experiences and background knowledge to the text, discovering themes and lessons unique to that reader. Stories for older readers may involve symbolism, address social issues, and tackle life's difficult topics. Helping students grasp theme will enhance their enjoyment of literature.

#### Instructional Overview:

##### Meeting #1

Introducing Theme

##### Meeting #2

Picking Up the Bread Crumbs of Clues

##### Meeting #3

Finding Topics in a Text

##### Meeting #4

Understanding Symbolism in Literature

##### Meeting #5

Making Inferences to Determine Theme

##### Meeting #6

Connecting Plot Development and Theme

##### Meeting #7

Using Character Clues to Determine Theme

##### Meeting #8

Summarization

##### Meeting #9

Determining Theme

##### Meeting #10

Reflection

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Instructional Focus

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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- ☐ Determine which students will participate in the *The Lightning Thief* Book Club (4-6 students)
- ☐ Gather copies of *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan (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.
- ☐ Definition and examples of theme 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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