

Instructional Overview

Charlotte's Web
By: EB White
Grade Level: 4 / Guided Reading Level: R

Book Club

Instructional Focus:
Tracking Characters

Background:
Stories revolve around characters, so deep comprehension depends on the readers' ability to keep track of characters across longer texts. Being able to distinguish between primary and secondary characters, noticing character traits, character relationships, and the ways in which characters impact the story are all key skills necessary for comprehension.

Instructional Overview:

Meeting #1
Set Expectations for Book Club and Introduce Tracking Characters

Meeting #2
(Chapters 1 – 4) Distinguish Primary vs. Secondary Characters

Meeting #3
(Chapters 5 – 8) Physical Attributes of Characters

Meeting #4
(Chapters 9 – 11) Inferring What Characters Think and Feel

Meeting #5
(Chapters 12 – 15) Making Connections Between Characters

Meeting #6
(Chapters 16 – 19) Noticing Your Opinion of Characters

Meeting #7
(Chapters 20 – 22) Reflecting on Tracking Characters

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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 Charlotte's Web Book Club (4–6 students)
- Gather copies of *Charlotte's Web* by EB White (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 copies of Character Maps (1 per student)
- 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)
- Chart Paper
- Markers / Crayons / Colored Pencils

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