

Making Inferences Lesson Plans for 4 Book Club Meetings

The following preview shows all of the Book Club Meetings for The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies

4 Part Lesson Plans

Discussion Questions by Chapter

Key Vocabulary by Chapter

Book Club	
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Discussion Questions and New Vocabulary	Final Meeting Continued Chapters 9 – 14 Discussion Questions: 12. What would you say to Jessie? Answers will vary. Sample answers include: I would tell Jessie that it will be cool to go up a grade because she already has a friend (Megan) and she will be challenged academically. 13. Why didn't Evan and Jessie's mom call them when the fireworks started? Answer: She wanted them to resolve their issues and feel that it was more important. (page 170)
	Chapters 9 – 14 New Vocabulary: 1. puzzled (page 126) – feeling or showing confusion because something is difficult to understand 2. desperation (page 130) – a strong feeling of sadness, fear, and loss of hope 3. converge (page 136) – to move toward one point and join together; to come together and meet 4. pulverize (page 139) – to destroy or defeat (someone or something) completely 5. hesitation (page 140) – to stop briefly before you do something especially because you are nervous or unsure about what to do 6. peddler (page 142) – someone who sells things in small amounts often by traveling to different places; a person who peddles something 7. regret (page 142) – to feel sad or sorry about (something that you did or did not do) 8. reprimand (page 156) – to speak in an angry and critical way to (someone who has done something wrong, disobeyed an order, etc.)
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Guided Reading Level

Specific Instructional Focus

Step by Step Guided Mini Lesson

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Connecting Making Inferences to the Resolution of the Story	Final Meeting Continued Kick-off the Book Club Meeting (5-7 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather students – remind them to bring everything they might need for Book Club (book, Reader's Notebook, pencil, etc.). Review the conversation prompts on the Book Club Calendar. Invite students to begin the conversation by sharing things they found interesting, funny, or confusing. If needed, initiate the discussion using one of the discussion questions for the chapter or focus on vocabulary. Focus on developing respectful conversation using the conversation prompts provided on the Book Club Calendar.
	Time to Teach: Connecting Making Inferences to the Resolution of the Story (7-10 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite students to share the predictions that they made while reading Chapters 12-14. Allow students to use their Making Inferences with The Lemonade War graphic organizer as reference. Direct student attention to their completed Making Inferences with The Lemonade War graphic organizer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask students what they notice about their inferences from the beginning through the end of the story? (Answers will vary. Possible answers: Their inferences begin to build on one another. Their inferences become more detailed.) Ask students to look at the predictions that they made (starting with Chapter 9) based on their inferences. Were any of their predictions correct? (Answers will vary.) Ask if anyone made a prediction about the story's resolution (how the story would end)? Was their prediction correct? (Answers will vary.)
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Inferring Character Traits and Emotions	Meeting #2 Continued Model How to Respond to Reading (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add student inferences and evidence to the Making Inferences with The Lemonade War graphic organizer.
	Take Time to Reflect (2 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribute the Student Self-Evaluation Assessment. Ask students to reflect on the work they did in Book Club by completing the self-evaluation form. Collect the evaluation forms (the forms will be sent home or can be saved until the last day of Book Club) to review student progress across the Book Club.
Wrap Up the Book Club Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assign students to read Chapters 5 – 8 independently. While reading, students are responsible for adding at least one inference from each chapter to their Making Inferences with The Lemonade War graphic organizer. Students should label their inference with a "C" for character traits or emotions or and "E" for story events. Determine as a group when the Book Club should meet again. Model how to record the assignment on their Book Club Calendar. 	
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Reflection and Self-Evaluation

Scheduling and Reader Responsibility

Introduce Making Inferences

Reading Inferences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Display the Inferences anchor chart for students. Tell students that, while reading the <i>Lemonade War</i>, we will focus on making logical inferences. Define an inference as a conclusion or opinion that is reached based upon known facts or evidence. To make a logical inference, we add our background knowledge or schema to the known facts/evidence from the text. Prompt students to notice that in daily life, we frequently make inferences.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite students to turn to pages 141 and follow along while you read about starting at "Well," she said. "This is a terrible... and stopping at "He wouldn't even play with her." Explain that we can use this passage to learn about Evan. Inference: Evan's upset to have Jessie in the class. Evidence from the text: Evan's shouting "why" and "it's not fair!" because they are happy. My schema: When someone is yelling these things, it is usually not because they are happy.
Model How to Respond to Reading
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite students to turn to their Making Inferences with The Lemonade War graphic organizer. Model for students how to add the example just discussed (inferring how Evan's feeling) to the chart. (See sample graphic organizer.) Ask students to label their inferences with a "C" if the inference is about a character's traits or emotions and a "E" if their inference is related to a story event. Direct student attention to page 19. Ask students to work with a partner to reread this section of the story looking for clues that will help them make an inference about how Jessie is feeling.

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