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## OVERVIEW OF LESSON PLANS (DAY 1)




MATH
SCIENCE


| Subject Area | Main Activities | Skills/Topics |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Whole group reading | Cause and effect <br> Partner practice: main idea | Cause and multiple effects Main idea |
| Small group reading | Partner practice: main idea <br> Writing about character traits | Main idea to |
| Math | Learning from mistakes | Identifying math errors, word problems |
| Science Social Studies | Invent a new toy <br> The man behind the chocolate | Scientific inventions, problem solving Analyzing a biography |

## NOTES FOR TEACHER PREP:

Students will need only pencils, plus scissors and glue/paste for the whole group reading activity.
If you want to keep your regular reading group rotation, you can have students do the small group/partner activity during their small group instruction time. (The activity doesn't require the sub to teach.) Alternatively, the whole class can complete the activity at the same time (dedicate around 15 minutes of your reading block time, and have students pair up with another student who's in their reading group.)

## NOTES FOR THE SUB:

Whole Group Reading: Students will need scissors and glue. Pass out one copy of the cause/effect cards to each student (they have been photocopied two to a page, so give each student half a page.)

Small Group Reading: Students complete this activity for around 15 minutes with a partner from their reading group.
Writing: Follow the directions on the student page. This can be an independent or partner activity.
Math: Students can work with a partner for the entire activity, or just the last page.
Science: Follow the directions on the student page. This can be an independent or partner activity.
Social Studies: You can read the text together as a class by having volunteers take turns reading. Or have kids read on their own, or with a partner.

## OVERVIEW OF LESSON PLANS (DAY 2)



## WHOLE GROUP READING



SMALL GROUP OR PARTNER READING


## WRITING



MATH: SCOOT CARDS (COPY ONE SET $\zeta$ CUT APART)


MATH


SCIENCE


## OVERVIEW OF LESSON PLANS (DAY 2)

## Subject Area

Whole group reading
Small group reading
Writing
Math
Science
Social Studies

## Main Activities

Create a better book cover
Partner practice: fiction comp.
Quotation marks
Scoot game \#1 (easier)
What's special about Earth?
Personal goal setting

## Skills/Topics

Identifying key details from a book, summarizing Fiction comprehension
Use of dialogue and quotation marks
Operations and fact fluency
Nonfiction comprehension, writing a summary
Setting goals, connecting academic \& life skills

## NOTES FOR TEACHER PREP:

Students will need only pencils, access to any self-selected book for the whole group reading activity, and colored pencils or crayons for the writing activity.

If you want to keep your regular reading group rotation, you can have students do the small group/partner activity during their small group instruction time. (The activity doesn't require the sub to teach.) Alternatively, the whole class can complete the activity at the same time (dedicate around 15 minutes of your reading block time, and have students pair up with another student who's in their reading group.)

You can save paper with the whole group reading activity by projecting the directions for the class to see and having students work on their own paper (such as blank printer paper or construction paper.) This would also allow them to make a larger book cover design.

For the math activity, have the Scoot game cards cut apart for your sub in advance if possible (this should take less than a minute for either or you to do, as you only need one set of cards for the whole class).

## NOTES FOR THE SUB:

Whole Group Reading: Students should read independently for the first part of the reading block. They can read any selfselected text. Let students know when to stop reading and begin the written portion of the activity (allow approximately 2530 minutes for the written activity.) If you have extra time, have students present their book covers in small groups of 3-4 kids. They should show the original book cover if possible and explain the difference, as well as why they think their design is better.

Small Group Reading: Students complete this activity for around 15 minutes with a partner from their reading group.
Writing: Students will need colored pencils or crayons (they can share these materials if needed.)
Math: Detailed directions for the Scoot game are on a separate page.
Science: Follow the directions on the student page. This can be an independent or partner activity.
Social Studies: Read the first page together and brainstorm some possible goals before releasing students to complete this activity. They may wish to work in pairs and talk about their goals as they work.

## OVERVIEW OF LESSON PLANS (DAY 3)



## WHOLE GROUP READING



## SMALL GROUP OR

 PARTNER READING

## WRITING




MATH


SCIENCE


SOCIAL STUDIES

## OVERVIEW OF LESSON PLANS (DAY 3)

| Subject Area | Main Activities | Skills/Topics |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Whole group reading <br> Small group reading <br> Writing <br> Math <br> Science <br> Social Studies | Change of perspective <br> Partner practice: predicting/recalling vocab <br> Overcoming setbacks <br> Plan a class trip to the zoo <br> My favorite topic <br> Who is important in history? | Understanding point of view <br> Predicting/recalling vocabulary <br> Writing to explain; comparing/contrasting Applying math skills to real-world problem solving Comprehending and analyzing science text Analyzing/thinking critically about historical figures |

## NOTES FOR TEACHER PREP:

Students will need only pencils, and access to a self-selected nonfiction book on a science topic (see note below.)
If you want to keep your regular reading group rotation, you can have students do the small group/partner activity during their small group instruction time. (The activity doesn't require the sub to teach.) Alternatively, the whole class can complete the activity at the same time (dedicate around 15 minutes of your reading block time, and have students pair up with another student who's in their reading group.)

Yan save paper For the whole group reading activity by projecting the text on the first page for the class to see, or make photocopies for groups of students to share and read aloud.

For science, students will choose a book to read on their favorite science topic and answer questions about it. They will need access to nonfiction books from your class library on science topics (space, ecosystems, animals, land changes, etc.) If you have your class library organized by genre, pull out the bins which you will allow students to select a book from. If you don't have enough nonfiction books on science topics in your class library, leave a suggested list of chapters from your science textbook that students could choose instead, or use mini nonfiction books that accompany your reading basal set.

For social studies, students will select people they think are important in history. You could allow them to choose figures from the social studies text or a recent unit of study (ie historical figures during the Revolutionary war, in all of U.S. history, in your state's history, during the civil rights movement, etc.) Or allow students to pick any people throughout history whom they feel are important. This could lead to some great discussions about what makes a person's contributions seem important!

## NOTES FOR THE SUB:

Whole Group Reading: You may wish to have students pair up to read the passage and answer the questions collaboratively. There's an activity at the end which they can complete on a separate page (or the back of that page, if it's blank) if they finish early.

Small Group Reading: Students complete this activity for around 15 minutes with a partner from their reading group.
Writing: Read the directions together. Students will need to pair up for this activity. It will work best if you allow them to choose partners they are comfortable sharing personal reflections with, rather than assigning partners.

Math: Have students read through the directions for each section. They can work in pairs or groups if you would like.
Science: Follow the directions on the student page. This can be an independent or partner activity.
Social Studies: If students are writing about people they have learned about in class, they should reference their social studies texts, notebooks, etc. If they don't have access to some specific details (such as when the person was born/died) and don't have access to the internet so they can look it up, have students write the best information they know (born more than 100 years ago, died at an early age, etc.) The real value in this activity is the critical thinking skills related to what contributions make history, so knowing specific dates and details isn't essential. Give the signal to work with a partner when there are 10 min of class time left. Or, have them begin that portion of the activity when there are 15 min left if you want to have a discussion as a class afterward.

## OVERVIEW OF LESSON PLANS (DAY 4)



## WHOLE GROUP READING

## SMALL GROUP OR PARTNER READING

## WRITING



MATH


| Subject Area | Main Activities | Skills/Topics |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Whole group reading <br> Small group reading <br> Writing <br> Math <br> Science <br> Social Studies | Showing the setting <br> Partner practice: fluency/expression <br> Parts of speech writing <br> Menu math <br> Why do islands exist? <br> Vocabulary choice board | Reading fiction text, analyzing settings Reading fluency and expression Identifying parts of speech \& applying to creative writing Money, operations, real-world problem solving Comprehending science text, comparing/contrasting Understanding and applying vocabulary |

## NOTES FOR TEACHER PREP:

Students will need only pencils for these activities. Crayons/colored pencils are optional for the math activity.
If you want to keep your regular reading group rotation, you can have students do the small group/partner activity during their small group instruction time. (The activity doesn't require the sub to teach.) Alternatively, the whole class can complete the activity at the same time (dedicate around 15 minutes of your reading block time, and have students pair up with another student who's in their reading group.)

For math, students will create a restaurant menu. You may want to specify directions for the menu prices students create, based on you're their current skill levels (i.e. tell them to use whole numbers like $\$ 6$ or if they should include cents, such as \$6.99, which would make the activity more challenging.)

For social studies, students will choose a vocabulary activity from a choice board. Leave a list of words for students to use or give them a specific unit or chapter from your social studies text to select words from.

## NOTES FOR THE SUB:

Whole Group Reading: Follow the directions on the student page. This can be an independent or partner activity.
Small Group Reading: Students complete this activity for around 15 minutes with a partner from their reading group.
Writing: Students should compose their stories on the back of the paper if it's blank, or on a separate sheet of paper (or in a writing journal) if the day's copies have been photocopies back to back.

Math: Students can work collaboratively on this if needed. They may decorate their menus with colored pencils/crayons when done if those materials are available.

Science: Read and complete the activities together as a whole class, or allow students to work with partners or a small group.
Social Studies: it may be helpful to read the options on the vocabulary choice board together before releasing students to work.

## OVERVIEW OF LESSON PLANS (DAY 5)



## WHOLE GROUP READING



SMALL GROUP OR PARTNER READING


## WRITING



MATH

SCIENCE


## OVERVIEW OF LESSON PLANS (DAY 5)

## Subject Area

Whole group reading
Small group reading
Writing
Math
Science
Social Studies

## Main Activities

Advice to a character Partner practice: nonfiction comp.

Create a graphic novel
Going on vacation
The Bermuda Triangle mystery
The timeline game

## Skills/Topics

Character analyzing in fiction
Nonfiction text comprehension
Writing for real-world purposes, dialogue Money, operations, real-world problem solving Making scientific predictions and inferences

Sequencing historical events, timelines

## NOTES FOR TEACHER PREP:

Students will need only pencils, access to a fictional self-selected book for the whole group reading activity, and scissors and glue for the social studies activity.

If you want to keep your regular reading group rotation, you can have students do the small group/partner activity during their small group instruction time. (The activity doesn't require the sub to teach.) Alternatively, the whole class can complete the activity at the same time (dedicate around 15 minutes of your reading block time, and have students pair up with another student who's in their reading group.)

For whole group reading, students will be reading a self-selected fiction text, reflecting on the main character, and writing a letter of advice to the character. You can specify the text if you prefer-it could be from the basal reader if you use one, or any book from the class library. The more choice students have, the more likely they are to be interested in the character and write a thoughtful character analysis.

For writing, students will be creating a graphic novel. The directions should be clear enough for students to understand the concept, but if you have any graphic novels or comic books in your class library, you can pull them out for your sub to show as an example.

For social studies, don't photocopy the two pages back to back, as students will need to cut out the second page. They will be sequencing historical events. You could allow students to choose any events in history they know about, or give them a specific time frame or unit of study (i.e. a time within your country's history, your state's history, during the civil war, in the $19^{\text {th }}$ century, etc.)

## NOTES FOR THE SUB:

Whole Group Reading: Students should read a fictional text independently for the first portion of class. Have them stop reading when there's about 20-30 minutes of time left in the reading block, and then they can begin the written activity. They will choose one main character from the text they were reading. They don't have to select the most prominent character, but should select one of the main characters so they know enough about the person to complete the chart. Choosing a minor character would make the activity too difficult.

Small Group Reading: Students complete this activity for around 15 minutes with a partner from their reading group.
Writing: Review the directions and ensure students understand what a graphic novel is (similar to a comic book.)
Math: Students can work collaboratively on this if you would like.
Science: Follow the directions on the student page. This can be an independent or partner activity.
Social Studies: Scissors and glue are needed. Students should work in groups of 4. They should use the majority of the class period to create the timeline cards. Have students begin game play (even if they haven't finished the cards) when there are 15 min left in the period. If students have extra time, they can switch cards with another group and play each other's games.

## OVERVIEW OF LESSON PLANS (DAY 6)



## WHOLE GROUP READING

SMALL GROUP OR PARTNER READING



## WRITING



MATH

MATH

SCIENCE


SCIENCE

## OVERVIEW OF LESSON PLANS (DAY 6)

## Subject Area

Whole group reading
Small group reading
Writing
Math
Science
Social Studies

## Main Activities

The moral of the story Partner practice: finding details A small moment memory Math strategy mini book Science card game Today is history

## Skills/Topics

Identifying the moral of lesson in fiction/fairy tales Finding supporting details for the main idea

Writing small moment narratives Identifying and explaining math strategies

Summarizing key scientific concepts Inferencing, analyzing historical significance

## NOTES FOR TEACHER PREP:

Students will need only pencils, access to a self-selected book during your reading block, and scissors for science.
If you want to keep your regular reading group rotation, you can have students do the small group/partner activity during their small group instruction time. (The activity doesn't require the sub to teach.) Alternatively, the whole class can complete the activity at the same time (dedicate around 15 minutes of your reading block time, and have students pair up with another student who's in their reading group.)

For math, students will create a math strategy mini book. Rather than using the pages provided, you may want to allow them to work on their own blank printer paper or construction paper, which will give them more space to write/draw and will allow them to create an actual mini book. However, if your sub is likely to be short on time or you don't want to mess with scissors and stapling, they can complete the activity right on the page.

In science, students will create a game with 6 facts about a science topic. You can specify a topic which students have recently learned about (natural resources, ecosystems, solar bodies, natural disasters, weather events, etc. would all work well.) Don't photocopy these pages back to back, as students will need to cut apart the second page.
You can save paper with the social studies activity by providing one copy per group (they'll be working in groups of 4) and having students write on their own paper or in a notebook/journal. You could also leave out the Use and Significance chart.

## NOTES FOR THE SUB:

Whole Group Reading: If you have a long reading block, have kids read a self-selected text for the first half of the block. You may want to introduce the written activity first, and encourage kids to choose a book (or story from their basal reader to re-read) which has a moral or a lesson. Have kids complete the activity, which should take 20-30 minutes (perhaps longer if they want to color and decorate.) When there's about 10 min left, you can have kids share with the class or small group and try to guess what the story is. When kids are sharing, encourage them to talk about their answers to the last two questions on the page (Why do you think the author wanted people to learn this lesson from the story? Why do you think it's important for your classmates to know?)

Small Group Reading: Students complete this activity for around 15 minutes with a partner from their reading group.
Writing: If possible, you may want to complete this activity as a whole class and facilitate discussion around it.
Math: Read the directions together. You may want to complete \#1 together and brainstorm different strategies.
Science: Scissors are needed for this activity. Students will work with a partner to complete it. Give students the topic or category provided by their teacher. If none was given, students can choose any science topic they've learned this year.

Social Studies: You may want to read and complete the first page together as a class. Then have students work in groups of 4 to finish the activity. If time is short, have each students choose just 2 artifacts and fill out the information for only those two. You could also leave out the Use and Significance chart to shorten the activity.

## OVERVIEW OF LESSON PLANS (DAY 7)



## WHOLE GROUP READING



SMALL GROUP OR PARTNER READING

## WRITING



SOCIAL STUDIES

## OVERVIEW OF LESSON PLANS (DAY 7)

## Subject Area

Whole group reading
Small group reading
Writing
Math
Science
Social Studies

## Main Activities

Design a museum Partner practice: thinking critically Create a storyboard
Plan a class party Units of measurement puzzle Guess my historical figure

## Skills/Topics

Identifying/applying main idea and details Critical thinking and problem solving Summarizing main ideas, apply to new context Money, operations, real-world problem solving Customary and metric measurement in science Identifying characteristics of historical figures

## NOTES FOR TEACHER PREP:

Students will need pencils, access to a self-selected informational nonfiction book from your class library for the reading activity, and scissors for the science activity. Optionally, you can make glue and extra printer paper or construction paper available to students for the science activity, and they can paste their finalized puzzle to the page. Crayons or colored pencils are optional for writing.

If you want to keep your regular reading group rotation, you can have students do the small group/partner activity during their small group instruction time. (The activity doesn't require the sub to teach.) Alternatively, the whole class can complete the activity at the same time (dedicate around 15 minutes of your reading block time, and have students pair up with another student who's in their reading group.)

For whole group reading, Students need an informational nonfiction book to read for the first half of your reading block, identify 3 big ideas and some details from it, then design a museum to teach others about the topic of their book. Students can self-select texts or you can assign a book or chapter (from your reading basal, science, or social studies text.)

For writing, students will create a storyboard on a nonfiction topic they have learned about in the past and understand well. This could be the same book/topic they used for the reading activity to take their reflection deeper, or they could use a different topic. You can choose the same topic for all students, give them 3-4 choices, or leave the activity totally open-ended to allow more choice. Students could use storyboardthat.com or another online tool for storyboarding is the sub is comfortable and sufficient tech access is available.

Be cautious when making photocopies for science: DO NOT print puzzle piece pages double-sided. Print enough copies of the first page of puzzle pieces for your whole class ( 1 page per student.) With the second page of puzzle pieces, print enough copies of this page for HALF your class (1 page $=2$ students.)

## NOTES FOR THE SUB:

Whole Group Reading: Review the directions with students before they begin reading, ensure every student has an appropriate text that will work for this activity (you can walk around while students read to look at their book choices). Allow students to read independently, and when there is approximately $20-30 \mathrm{~min}$ left in the reading block, have them begin completing the written activity.
Small Group Reading: Students complete this activity for around 15 minutes with a partner from their reading group.
Writing: Review the directions together before releasing students to work. They may use crayons or colored pencils if they finish early.
Math: Students may work in pairs for this activity.
Science: Read and explain the directions before releasing students to complete the activity. Scissors are needed. If students have extra time, you can make glue and extra printer paper or construction paper available to students, and they can paste their finalized product to the page. Otherwise, they can either trash the pieces when they're done or paperclip them together to take home.
Social Studies: Students will do beginning of the activity independently, and then pair up with a partner to complete the rest. Let students know when it's okay for them to work with a partner. They will try to have their partners guess the historical figure they wrote and drew about. There should be time at the end for them to switch partners and repeat the activity-let them know when it's okay to do this. If it feels too chaotic to have students moving around the room, have them choose a partner that sits at their table or nearby. Or, you could have one volunteer at a time read to the whole class and take turns guessing. When there's just a few minutes left, have students do the reflection exercise at the end of the second page

## OVERVIEW OF LESSON PLANS (DAY 8)



## WHOLE GROUP READING



MATH


SCIENCE


SOCIAL STUDIES

## OVERVIEW OF LESSON PLANS (DAY 8)

## Subject Area

Whole group reading
Small group reading
Writing
Math
Science
Social Studies

## Main Activities

Plan a movie trailer
Partner practice: noticing errors What I wish we'd learn
Scoot \#2 (harder)
Who gets the credit for inventions?
Create a review game

## Skills/Topics

Comprehending, retelling, and remixing fiction Noticing and correcting reading fluency errors

Writing to persuade
Operations and fact fluency
Analyzing scientific discoveries/accomplishments Identifying/applying key social studies concepts

## NOTES FOR TEACHER PREP:

Students will need only pencils and access to a self-selected fiction book from your library or class library.
If you want to keep your regular reading group rotation, you can have students do the small group/partner activity during their small group instruction time. (The activity doesn't require the sub to teach.) Alternatively, the whole class can complete the activity at the same time (dedicate around 15 minutes of your reading block time, and have students pair up with another student who's in their reading group.)

For math, have the Scoot game cards cut apart for your sub in advance if possible (this should take less than a minute for either or you to do, as you only need one set of cards for the whole class).

To save paper with the science activity, you can print 1-2 copies of the text for each group to share. You could also make 1-2 copies of the questions for the group (or project them for the class to see) and have students work on their own paper. Students will be reading the text in groups of 5 (each person will read about one invention aloud), but if you think the text is too complex, have the sub read it to the kids while they follow along, then release them to work in groups.

You can also save paper with the social studies activity by projecting the first page for the class to see, or making one copy for each pair or group of students to reference.

## NOTES FOR THE SUB:

Whole Group Reading: Have students self-select a fiction book to read for the first half of the writing block. Then review the directions for the written activity together and have students use the book they were reading as the basis of the activity.
Small Group Reading: Students complete this activity for around 15 minutes with a partner from their reading group.
Writing: Students can work with partner or group to brainstorm ideas.
Math: Detailed directions for the Scoot game are on a separate page.
Science: Have students work in groups of 5 . Each person should read aloud about one of the 5 inventions while the others in the group follow along. Alternatively (since the text is complex), you could read the text to the whole class while they follow along, then release them to work in groups.

Social Studies: Discuss the types of questions listed. Then have students pair up and begin working. They should create the questions mostly on their own, but may want to check in with their partner. When the majority of the class is done, begin the review game. There are two ways to play-choose whichever one you are most comfortable with. Detailed directions are on a separate page.

## OVERVIEW OF LESSON PLANS (DAY 9)



## WHOLE GROUP READING



## WRITING



## OVERVIEW OF LESSON PLANS (DAY 9)

## Subject Area

Whole group reading
Small group reading
Writing
Math
Science
Social Studies

## Main Activities

Why do people move?
Partner practice: Summarizing
Convince me
Crack the code
Where would you live?
Settlers of the class

## Skills/Topics

Inquiry reading, compare/contrast
Summarizing
Persuasive/argumentative writing Multiplication, addition, place value, rounding Reading and interpreting weather/climate data

Natural resources, community settlements

## NOTES FOR TEACHER PREP:

Students will need only pencils and access to a self-selected book from your library or class library.
If you want to keep your regular reading group rotation, you can have students do the small group/partner activity during their small group instruction time. (The activity doesn't require the sub to teach.) Alternatively, the whole class can complete the activity at the same time (dedicate around 15 minutes of your reading block time, and have students pair up with another student who's in their reading group.)

For math, notice when you are photocopying that there is a page you need a class set of which the sub will give to the students at the end of the activity (so it's not included in their packet, if you're stapling the other pages together.) You can cut apart the page of clues for your sub if you want.

## NOTES FOR THE SUB:

Whole Group Reading: Students can work alone, or in groups of 4 (each person in the group is responsible for reading one of the 4 passages out loud to the other group members). Group work will help students figure out unfamiliar words and make sense of what they're reading.
Small Group Reading: Students complete this activity for around 15 minutes with a partner from their reading group.
Writing: If you have extra time, students can read their essays to a partner at the end.
Math: Students can work alone or in pairs. They should bring each completed page to you in exchange for their next clue. The clues should be cut apart so you have a stack of clue 1, stack of clue 2, etc. and can just hand the clue to students. You could check their answers against the answer key if you want to, but it will be faster and easier to manage if you just give them the clue without checking. The activity is self-checking because wrong answers are obvious when they try to solve the mystery message. Kids can choose if they want to start solving the mystery message as soon as they get their first clue, or wait until they have all the clues to solve.
Science: Students may work in pairs to complete this activity.
Social Studies: Have students work in groups of 3-5. Stop them when there are 20-25 minutes left in the class period, and begin the presentation portion of the activity (\#12). Afterward, the last 5-10 minutes of class should be spent answering the remaining questions with their groups.

## OVERVIEW OF LESSON PLANS (DAY 10)



## WHOLE GROUP READING



## SMALL GROUP OR PARTNER READING



## WRITING



MATH

## OVERVIEW OF LESSON PLANS (DAY 10)

| Subject Area | Main Activities | Skills/Topics |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Whole group reading <br> Small group reading <br> Writing <br> Math <br> Science <br> Social Studies | Does this book deserve a spot in our class library? <br> Partner practice: Expression Choose your own adventure <br> Create a treasure map <br> Mae Jemison: You be the scientist Breaking the rules | Critical reading and evaluation of fiction texts Reading with expression <br> Writing alternative endings to familiar fiction text <br> Coordinate grids, following directions <br> History of famous scientists, careers in STEM <br> Analyzing historical biographies |

## NOTES FOR TEACHER PREP:

Students will need only pencils and access to a self-selected fiction book from your library or class library.
If you want to keep your regular reading group rotation, you can have students do the small group/partner activity during their small group instruction time. (The activity doesn't require the sub to teach.) Alternatively, the whole class can complete the activity at the same time (dedicate around 15 minutes of your reading block time, and have students pair up with another student who's in their reading group.)

You can leave our the first page of the math activity if students don't need the coordinate grid review.

## NOTES FOR THE SUB:

Whole Group Reading: Students can pick any fiction book they have access to in the classroom for this activity.
Small Group Reading: Students complete this activity for around 15 minutes with a partner from their reading group.
Math: The first page reviews how to use a coordinate grid - complete this activity together as a class, then release students to work on their own. The last 15 minutes of the class period, students will pair up with different partners to try to use each other's coordinate grids to find the hidden treasure.
Social Studies: Students should work in groups of 4 (each person in the group is responsible for reading one of the 4 passages out loud to the other group members). Group work will help students figure out unfamiliar words and make sense of what they're reading.
Science: It may be helpful to read the beginning of the text together so students get an idea of how it works.

# READING: DOES THIS FICTIONAL BOOK DESERVE A SPOT IN OUR CLASS LIBRARY? 

Directions: Choose a fiction book to read for about 20 minutes. Your teacher will tell you when to stop reading. Then, answer the following questions to help our class decide whether the book should be included in our classroom library.


# READING: DOES THIS BOOK DESERVE A SPOT? (CONT.) 

| Is the book interesting to you? Does the author make <br> you care about the characters and the problems they're <br> trying to solve? Explain why or why not. | Do you think other kids in the class would find this book <br> interesting? If so, what types of readers might like it and <br> why? |
| :--- | :--- |
| What things about this book were good? |  |
| Will this book be challenging for our class to read? |  |
| Explain what might make it too hard or too easy. | Is there anything else you think is important for kids <br> to know about this book? |

## SMALL GROUP/PARTNER READING: EXPRESSION

Directions: You and a partner from your group will re-read a text you have read before. The purpose is to practice reading with expression.

Partner I-Choose a paragraph from the text that you like. Read that one paragraph while partner 2 listens for a positive example of how you read with expression.

Partner 2 - Tell partner I about a part of the paragraph that she or he read with good expression, and explain why you thought it was good.

Now switch roles! Have Partner 2 choose another paragraph from the text, and read it out loud to so Partner I can give feedback.

Continue taking turns reading paragraphs out loud and noticing examples of reading with good expression, until your teacher says you have 3 minutes left, then answer the questions below.

What text did you read?

What's something partner 1 does well when she or he tries to read with expression?

What's something partner 2 does well when she or he tries to read with expression?

## WRITING: CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Directions: First, choose the story you would like to write about. It could be any fiction book, fairy tale, or story you have read before. Then, follow the steps below in order to begin creating a "Choose Your Own Adventure." You will write different ways the story could have turned out!


## EVENT \#2

Write an important event from the middle of the story you chose.

Write an important event from the ending of the story you chose.


WHEN FINISHED: Use the box below to create a comic strip which shows the beginning, middle, and end events you would put together in your version of the story.

## MATH: PREPARE FOP THE TREASURE MAP ACTIVITY BY PRACTICING HOW TO USE A COORDINATE GRID

A coordinate grid uses numbers to identify a specific point on a grid. The name of the point is made up of two numbers called coordinates. When you use a coordinate grid you always have to find the starting point, called the point of origin. Its coordinate name is ( 0,0 ). To find any other point on the grid, you use the coordinates to move horizontally and vertically.

Imagine a woman on a ladder who is trying to get to a window. First, the woman stands on the ground and carries the ladder until she is underneath the window. Then she climbs up the ladder until she reaches the right point, the window.

In the picture below, the second story window is at the point (5, 4). First you travel along the horizontal line (x-axis) to the $5^{\text {th }}$ grid line. Then you climb up the vertical line ( $y$-axis) to the $4^{\text {th }}$ grid line.


Practice using a coordinate grid by following the directions below.

1. Draw a cloud at the point $(1,6)$.
2. Draw a chimney on the roof, starting at point $(4,5)$.
3. What are the coordinates for the peak of the roof? ( $\qquad$ , $\qquad$ _)

## MATH: CREATE A TREASURE MAP

## Follow the steps below to create a map to your secret treasure!

For each item listed below, draw a dot on the map, and write the name of the item (or draw a picture of it) next to the dot. Example: There is an anchor at the point $(4,8)$.

Answer the questions below to practice reading your treasure map.

- Start at $(0,0)$. Go right two lines and up one line. Where are you? $\qquad$
- Start at the anchor. Go down three lines, go right six lines, and up two lines. Where are you? $\qquad$
- In the space below, write directions to help someone go from the palm tree to the mountain.


## MATH: CREATE A TREASURE MAP (CONT.)

Now it's time to bury your treasure!
Choose a point on the map where you will hide your treasure. Write the coordinates here $\qquad$ , $\qquad$ Do NOT mark this point on your map. It's a secret treasure!

Next, create a plan for how you and your partner will find your way to the treasure later using your map. You will stop at three landmarks along the way to confuse anyone who might be following you to steal your treasure!

> I will start at (0, 0).

First, I will go to the $\qquad$ at ( $\qquad$ , $\qquad$
Next, I will go to the $\qquad$ at $\qquad$ , $\qquad$ )

Then, I will go to the $\qquad$ at $\qquad$ , $\qquad$ )

Finally, I will go to my treasure.
Now that you have a path to follow, write directions for your partner on how to use the map's grid to follow the path and find the treasure! Use words like up/down/left/right so your partner knows which direction to go. Make sure that your directions start at $(0,0)$ and lead your partner to the three landmarks you chose above, before finally arriving at the treasure.


Now use your finger to trace the path that you have described in your written directions. If you don't end up at the location of your treasure, go back and fix your directions. You don't want your treasure to be lost!

## MATH: CREATE A TREASURE MAP

## Now it’s time to hunt for treasure!

1. Find your first partner and a quiet place to work.
2. Record your partner's name on this recording page.
3. Take turns hunting for treasure. One partner looks at the map while the other partner reads the directions they wrote. The partner looking at the map traces the path with his or her finger while listening. At the end of the directions, the listening partner tells the coordinate point where s/he thinks the treasure is located and the directing partner says if the answer is correct or incorrect.
4. Both partners fill in the sentences below.
5. Find a new partner and try again. If your partners keep getting lost, you can improve your directions.

Name of my first partner: $\qquad$
Partner 1 thought my treasure was at ( $\qquad$ , $\qquad$ ) Partner 1 found my treasure / got lost. (circle one) I thought my partner's treasure was at ( $\qquad$ , _) I found the treasure / got lost. (circle one)

Name of my second partner: $\qquad$
Partner 1 thought my treasure was at ( $\qquad$ , $\qquad$ Partner 1 found my treasure / got lost. (circle one) I thought my partner's treasure was at ( $\qquad$ , $\qquad$ ) I found the treasure / got lost. (circle one)

Name of my third partner: $\qquad$
Partner 1 thought my treasure was at ( $\qquad$ , $\qquad$ ) Partner 1 found my treasure / got lost. (circle one) I thought my partner's treasure was at ( $\qquad$ , $\qquad$ ) I found the treasure / got lost. (circle one)

Name of my fourth partner: $\qquad$
Partner 1 thought my treasure was at ( $\qquad$ , $\qquad$ ) Partner 1 found my treasure / got lost. (circle one) I thought my partner's treasure was at ( $\qquad$ , $\qquad$ ) I found the treasure / got lost. (circle one)

If you finish early, design your own coordinate map grid for your neighborhood on a separate sheet of paper. Mark coordinates for important places in the community. See if you can write directions for how to use the grid to get from one place to another.

## SCIENCE: MAE JEMISON - YOU BE THE SCIENTIST

Directions: Read the following biography about a scientist named Mae Jemison. All scientists have important choices to make throughout their lives. As you read, you will make choices along the way that affect the rest of the story. It's like a choose-your-own-adventure! follow the directions that you see after each question.

## Section A:

As a child, Mae Jemison grew up in Chicago, Illinois. Her parents moved the family there from Alabama because Chicago had better school and work opportunities. Both of her parents encouraged Mae to ask questions about the world around her. One time, her parents even required her to do a science project on what happened when she got an infection in her finger from a splinter.

Mae loved dancing, space, stars, and dinosaurs. She enjoyed learning about the world and studying nature. She told her kindergarten teacher she wanted to be a scientist when she grew up, but her teacher said, "Don't you mean a nurse?" Many people thought Mae should be a teacher or a nurse like other women, and didn't understand why a girl would think she could become a scientist.

But Mae was her own person, who could make her own choices. Would she choose to set her own goals and follow her dreams? Or, would she choose to let other people decide what was possible for her?

## Would you choose to set your own goals? Go to Section B. <br> Would you choose to do what other people expected? Go to Section C (next page).

## Section B:

Mae liked to watch a space-themed TV show called Star Trek, and an African American actress on Star Trek inspired her to want to be an astronaut, too. From then on, Mae hoped to travel in space.

She had also started thinking about becoming a doctor. Mae wanted to use her love of science to help heal people, especially people who lived in places where they did not have good medical care.

With interests in science, medicine, and space, Mae had lots of career choices. The first step was to finish school. She worked so hard that she graduated from high school two years early. With her parents' permission, Mae applied to and was accepted at Stanford University in California.

Now Mae had an important choice to make. Would she move away from her parents to attend a university far away from her home in Chicago at just 16 years old? Or would she stay at home and attend a college close enough to home? Or would she wait to go to college until she was 18 and work to earn money for college expenses? What would you choose?

> Would you choose to move away from home for college? Go to Section D. Would you choose to stay home and and attend college? Go to Section E. Would you choose to wait until you were I8 to go to college? Go to section F.

## Which dreams would Mae grow up to fulfill??

## Section C:

Without setting her own goals, Mae would not be able to achieve her dream to be a doctor or an astronaut. Mae chose to become very focused in school and worked hard so that she could have more choices about what to do with her life. Find out which dreams Mae decided to follow! Go to Section B on the previous page.

## Section D:

Mae had no idea how hard it would be as a 16 -year-old college student far from home in California. But she was determined to succeed no matter what. She was the head of the Black Student Union, and worked to change the discrimination she and others faced. Hardly anyone took Mae seriously in her engineering courses because she was a black woman.

But Mae kept working, and after four years, she graduated from Stanford. She then chose to go to Cornell Medical College. At just 27 years old, Mae officially became a doctor. Everyone called her Dr. Jemison.

What would she do next? Mae could start her own medicine practice and run her own doctor's office. Or, she could work in a hospital. She could also volunteer with a program called the Peace Corps to help people in countries who didn't have access to many doctors and couldn't afford medical care. What would you choose?

## Would you choose to start your own doctor's office? Go to Section G. Would you choose to work in a hospital? Go to Section H. Would you choose to volunteer with the Peace Corp? Go to Section I (next page).

## Section E:

By staying home in Chicago, Mae could still get a very good college education. But living with her parents in Chicago would not have forced her to grow in courage and independence. She wanted to get the best education possible and challenge herself, and decided to go away to Stanford University in California. See what happened next! Go to Section D.

## Section F:

You chose to wait two years before going to college. If Mae chose to wait two years before going to college, she may have totally changed her mind about what she wanted to major in. She may have even lost interest in going to college at all. So, she decided to go away to Stanford University in California. See what happened next! Go to Section D.

## Section G:

You chose to start your own doctor's office. Running your own practice is a great choice! Mae would have loved to do this, but she knew that there were a lot of responsibilities involved. Mae still had dreams of being part of the astronaut program. She wouldn't be able to leave her office for the years it would take to be an astronaut. See what she chose! Go to Section I.

## Section H:

You chose to work in a hospital, which is a great choice. Mae could have done this, too, and would have been a very good doctor in an American hospital. By not volunteering for the Peace Corps, Mae might never have developed her strong sense of connection to West Africa. See what she chose! Go to Section I.

## Section I:

Dr. Jemison decided to volunteer with the Peace Corps in West Africa. She wrote medical manuals, trained others in medicine, and participated in research projects. She also saved many lives. Dr. Jemison shared her learning with other doctors so that they could continue to help people in West Africa even after she left to pursue other goals.

After serving in the Peace Corps, Dr. Jemison returned to the United States to work as a doctor in Los Angeles, California. She also started taking graduate level classes in Engineering. Mae still had more dreams of how she could use her skills and talents in new ways. What would you choose to do?

## Would you start researching cures for deadly diseases? Go to Section J. Would you apply to the astronaut program at NASA? Go to Section K.

## Section J:

Believe it or not, Dr. Jemison already researched cures for deadly diseases while she was volunteering for the Peace Corps. She was ready for something more. See what she chose! Go to Section L.

## Section K:

Dr. Jemison finished her graduate degree in Engineering and applied to the astronaut program at NASA. She had dreamed of exploring space since she was a young girl growing up in Chicago. When she was a child, the space program didn't have anyone that looked like her, and most of the astronauts were men. If her dream would become a reality, she would be the first African-American woman to travel to space.

However, a tragedy happened. In 1986, the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded, killing all seven crew members on board. Maybe the space program wasn't the right choice after all. Were the risks too high? What would you choose?

## Would you you pursue another dream instead? Go to Section L. Would you apply to be an astronaut anyway? Go to Section M (next page).

## Section L:

Dr. Jemison chose another career not related to space - AFTER her time as an astronaut! She flew one space mission before resigning from NASA. Then she left NASA to create her own company, Jemison Group. Her company worked to make new technology useful for everyday life.

She began giving inspirational speeches to encourage other people to follow their dreams. She also gueststarred on Star Trek: The Next Generation, which had been her favorite show when she was a little girl. She even became a professor at Dartmouth College, and wrote a series of informational books for kids.

Dr. Jemison still pursued her love of dance, too. She once said, "Many people do not see a connection between science and dance, but I consider them both to be expressions of the boundless creativity that people have to share with one another."

Dr. Jemison did so many great things that she doesn't even consider her work in space to be her biggest accomplishment!

If you haven't read Section M yet, go there to find out what it was like when she went to space.
If you have read Section $M$ already, skip to the questions on the bottom of the next page.

## SCIENCE: MAE JEMISON (CONT.)

## Section M:

In 1986, Dr. Jemison reapplied to the NASA astronaut program. Over 2,000 other people wanted to take part, and there were only 15 slots. Dr. Jemison was accepted!

She trained and worked at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Her first and only space mission came in 1992 on the Space Shuttle Endeavor. Her job was to conduct experiments to learn more about how humans are affected by space. In one experiment, she studied how tadpoles develop in zero gravity.

From that mission, she remembers seeing her hometown of Chicago from space. It was the first thing she saw from space. This was an important moment to her because she had dreamed of becoming an astronaut since she was a little girl growing up in Chicago.

If you haven't read Section $L$ yet, go back to find out what it was like when she went to space.
If you have read Section $L$ already, skip to the questions below.

Mae Jemison achieved her dreams of becoming an engineer, doctor, astronaut, and more! To learn about Mae Jamison, visit drmae.com.


Now, write a response. Why do you think Dr. Mae Jemison was so successful in so many different careers? Tell about her character traits and choices that helped her succeed.

What goals do you have for your life? What choices will you make to achieve them?

## SOCIAL STUDIES: BREAKING THE RULES

Directions: Author and historian Laurel Ulrich once said, "Well-behaved women seldom [rarely] make history." Think about what she might have meant by that statement. Then read about the people below who were expected to act a certain way or follow certain rules. They did not follow those rules, and many people thought they were "behaving badly." See how their choice to break the rules caused them to become important figures in history.

## Susan B. Anthony

Susan B. Anthony was born in 1820, at a time when women were not allowed to vote. They also could not have their own bank accounts or
 own a house. Susan dedicated her life to fighting for equality. She protested slavery and was part of the Underground Railroad which freed black slaves. But her main focus was women's rights. She traveled around the country talking about how women should have the right to vote, own property, and control their own money. She also persuaded colleges to accept women as students for the first time. Susan was accused of trying to destroy respect for marriage, and was told it wasn't a woman's place to be asking for these rights. Although women did not earn the right to vote until after her death, Susan was well respected when she was older, and was even invited to the White House for an award. Her work made it easier for other women to continue the work later.

## Malala Yousafzai

Malala Yousafzai is a girl from Pakistan. At 17 years old, she won the Nobel Peace Prize after surviving a threat on her life from the Taliban. The Taliban are a group of soldiers
 in places like Afghanistan and Pakistan. They want laws which take away many rights from people, including the ability to listen to music and even fly kites. They also want to stop women and girls from having the freedom to drive a car and go to school. The Taliban attacked many schools to scare girls from attending, but Malala decided to go anyway. She began blogging about her efforts to keep girls in school, and began speaking in public about the right for everyone to have an education. The Taliban tried to silence her and other girls through violence, but Malala survived and continues to speak up for girls' education.


## Mohandas Ghandi

Mohandas Ghandi was an Indian Independence leader who protested British rule in his country and the British control of salt. Britain's Salt Act prevented people in India from selling or even collecting salt, which was a very important part of their diet and kept them from getting diseases like leprosy. The Indian people could only buy this valuable product from the British, who could make it as expensive as they wanted. Ghandi decided this was unfair and found a way to peacefully protest. Along with about 75 followers, Ghandi went to the Arabian Sea to make salt out of the seawater. Along the way, they gained followers until he was leading thousands. Before he got to the ocean, the police crushed the salt down into the mud, but Ghandi still collected small lumps. By doing so, he broke the law. He was arrested and people continued to gather the salt as he was in jail. Ghandi continued to resist British rule until India gained independence in 1947. He was killed for his rebellion a few months later.


## Claudette Colvin

In 1955, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. But Claudette Colvin actually did the same thing 9 months before Rosa Parks! At the time, black people had to sit at the back of the bus in a specific section, and had to give up their seats to any white person who asked. Claudette refused to give up her seat one day because she was thinking about a school paper she had written about how black people weren't allowed to use dressing rooms to try on clothes in stores. She was fed up, and was arrested on the bus. Her protest, along with others soon after, led to the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Black people refused to ride buses there for over a year, even if it meant they had to walk long distances. The city needed the money from black people who paid to ride the bus, and with pressure from protesters, eventually the law was changed. But, Claudette never got the full recognition she deserved for her role.

## SOCIAL STUDIES: BREAKING THE RULES (CONT.)

## Answer the questions below about what you read.

1. Although the unfair rules and laws were eventually changed in each situation, the individual people who protested didn't always get a happy ending. What are some things they must have sacrificed (given up) in order to stand up for what they believed was right?
2. Each of the people who broke the rules was willing to protest against something that they thought was unfair, even if no one else was doing it. But none of them were able to change the laws by themselves. What things do you think other people might have done to help them get the rules changed?

## Now that you've thought about some people who broke the rules and inspired change in their community, choose a way to respond to your reading from the choices below. Use a separate sheet of paper to write.

CHOICE \#1: Write a letter to one of the people you read about. In your letter, explain to the person how his/her "bad behavior" brought about change. Was it actually a good thing? Why?

CHOICE \#2: Create a poster that teaches other kids in your school about one of the people you read about. If you are able, you can research more about the person's life and how their "bad behavior" was important.

CHOICE \#3: Think about a problem your community or school is dealing with. What might the people you read about do to create change? Write about some things they might do, and what the end result could be.

CHOICE \#4: Write a quiz about one of the people you read about. Trade quizzes with a friend and see how much you have learned about each person's life and impact.
CHOICE \#5: Pretend you are a reporter who is able to interview one of the people from the reading. Write at least 10 questions you would ask this person to learn more about their behavior and how they inspired change in their community.


## BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE...

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