

PLOT STRUCTURE IN LITERATURE

Grade Level/Content Area

3rd Grade ELA

Unit Title

Plot Structure in Fiction Text

Unit Abstract

In this lesson, students will learn about plot structure in fiction text pieces as well as the vocabulary words associated with plot. They will be able to identify the different types of character conflicts as well. By the end of the unit, they will have analyzed the plots in two different books written by the same author as well as written a piece about how the plots in the two stories are similar and different.

Standards/Benchmarks

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.3.9](#)

Compare and contrast the themes, settings, and plots of stories written by the same author about the same or similar characters (e.g., in books from a series)

Essential Questions

How does understanding plot help me comprehend a story?

Student will know...

Students will know what the plot structure is in fiction text pieces as well as being able to critically think about stories written by the same author to find similarities and differences within the plots.

Students will be able to....

Summarizing the key skills goals for the unit helps designers focus lesson content.

Students will be able to understand what the plot of a story is as well as be able to identify the rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution of the story.

Current Teaching Design*

Structure of an Interactive Read Aloud
Setting of stories
Paragraph Writing Structure
Transition words in writing
How to use google classroom and google slides

Models

Enriched Virtual Model

Instruction and Activities

The whole Lesson Plan is available in an easy to use format with Google Slides. I have created a pacing chart complete with I can statements and student/teacher directions. You can copy the [Google Slides by clicking here](#). Feel free to edit the slides and make it work for your own class.

F2F	Online
<p>3. Do a Read Aloud lesson on Thank You Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco. Talk about the plot structure of the book. Create a Plot Diagram on chart paper and while you read, have students add to the diagram by writing events down on sticky notes and sticking them where they belong on the diagram.</p> <p>4. Do a Read Aloud lesson on Thunder Cakes by Patricia Polacco. Talk about the plot structure of the book.</p> <p>6. Class Discussion on how the Plots of the two books are Similar and Different.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Introduce new vocabulary related to PLOT STRUCTURE by doing a QUIZLET2. Take a deeper look at Plot Structure with PLOT STRUCTURE EDPUZZLE5. Visit ReadThinkWrite.Org to view their Plot Structure Diagram. Have students create a digital Plot Structure online for Thunder Cakes. Once they finish, they will submit a PDF copy to the teacher either via GoogleClassroom or SeeSaw.7. Students log into Google Classroom (or whatever method you have for

<p>10. While students are working on the slides, log into their slides and leave feedback to the students while you are having conferences with them about their writing.</p>	<p>assigning Google Slides to students). They work on the second slide (the first one is the title slide) on what a PLOT is.</p> <p>8. Students work on the third slide about how the two PLOTS are similar.</p> <p>9. Students work on the fourth slide about how the two PLOTS are different.</p> <p>11. When students have finished their writing, have them log into Adobe Spark Video (a free online video creator). Have them turn their writing into a video where they use photos from the book and do a voiceover with their explanation of what a plot is as well as how the two plots are similar and different. When they are finished, they will submit their video link to SeeSaw.</p>
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Assessments

F2F	Online
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal conferences with the teacher about their writing on their google slides. • Conversations with class about plot points in the two stories that were read in class. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google Slides • Final video product from Adobe Spark • Rubric for Final Written Piece

Resources

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<p>Google Slides by clicking here</p> <p>Chart Paper</p> <p>Sticky NOtes</p> <p>Thank You Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco</p> <p>Thunder Cakes by Patricia Polacco</p>	<p>QUIZLET</p> <p>PLOT STRUCTURE EDPUZZLE</p> <p>Visit ReadThinkWrite.Org</p> <p>Check out this EdPuzzle</p> <p>Rubric for Comparing and Contrasting</p> <p>PLOT STRUCTURE</p> <p>ADOBE SPARK video</p>