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Book Club Multi-Week Learning Series with Brandon

Instructions:

Check out this sample lesson plan and activity ideas for inspiration, ideas, and more. Feel free to edit, delete, or highlight to make it your own! These notes are yours to customize. They will not be published anywhere such that you're held to teaching exactly what's here.

Topics

reading, writing, literature, learning

Lesson Ideas

Lesson Title

Book Club Multi-Week Learning Series

Duration

1 hour per session

Lesson Plan

- **Introduction (5 minutes)**
 - Briefly discuss what a book club is and what participants can expect from the series.
 - Explain how reading, writing, and discussion will play a role in the learning series.
- **Read Aloud and Discussion (15 minutes)**
 - Select a chapter or section from the chosen book for a group read-aloud session.
 - Facilitate a short discussion on the themes, characters, and setting.

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- **Group Activity - Character Analysis (10 minutes)**
 - Break students into small groups and assign each group a character to analyze.
 - Have groups present a brief character sketch to the class.
- **Creative Writing Exercise (10 minutes)**
 - Prompt students to write a short story or paragraph from the perspective of a character not present in the read-aloud section.
 - Share writings with a partner or the larger group.
- **Literature Connection (10 minutes)**
 - Introduce a concept or theme from the book and connect it to a real-world issue or event.
 - Encourage students to discuss or brainstorm ideas on how they relate.
- **Round Table Discussion & Book Selection for Next Week (5 minutes)**
 - Open floor for any questions or thoughts the students might have.
 - Vote or decide on the next read (if using multiple books) or chapter for the upcoming session.

Materials List

- Age-appropriate book(s) for the series
- Pens/Pencils
- Notebooks or writing paper
- Art supplies for creative activities (optional)
- Whiteboard/Markers for discussion points
- Name tags or group labels

Adaptations for Different Ages

- **Younger Students:** Use picture books or shorter stories and incorporate more drawing projects related to the story themes.
- **Older Students:** Select more complex texts and incorporate more in-depth analysis and discussion questions.

Movement Break

- **Book Character Charades (5 minutes)**
 - Have students select a character from the book and act them out while others guess.

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Bonus Activities

- **Author Visit (Virtual or In-Person)**
 - Arrange a session with an author of the book or a local writer.
- **Create a Book Themed Art Project**
 - Have students create a cover or illustration from the book independently.
- **Family Book Night**
 - Encourage students to bring a family member to a special book club session to discuss and share stories together.

Series Outline

Week 1: Introduction to the Book Club Experience

- Host a meet-and-greet session with introductions, sharing favorite books.
- Create personalized book journals for logging thoughts and reflections.
- Present an overview of the book club's goals and upcoming book selections.

Week 2: Exploring Genres

- Introduce different genres (e.g., mystery, fantasy, science fiction).
- Organize a "genre station" activity where kids rotate and explore books from each genre.
- Facilitate a discussion on personal genre preferences and why they appeal to each student.

Week 3: Story Elements

- Create a story elements chart (e.g., characters, setting, plot) using a popular children's book.
- Divide into groups to identify story elements in short stories or excerpts.
- Host a "build your story" workshop, with groups creating stories focusing on different story elements.

Week 4: Character Development

- Conduct a character analysis exercise using a favorite book character.
- Role-play activities where kids act out scenes as different characters.

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- Creative writing prompt: "Create a new character for your favorite book."

****Week 5: Understanding Themes****

- Explore common literary themes (e.g., friendship, courage) through group discussions.
- Use visual art to depict themes from a selected book.
- Encourage students to write a short essay or paragraph on a theme they connect with.

****Week 6: Creative Writing Techniques****

- Introduce poetic devices such as similes and metaphors.
- Host a poetry writing workshop, culminating in a poetry slam.
- Engage in journaling prompts that focus on creative starters and imaginative writing.

****Week 7: Book Discussion and Analysis****

- Assign roles such as discussion leader and theme tracker for each student.
- Conduct a deep dive into a selected passage, analyzing language and meaning.
- Use guided questions to facilitate critical thinking and lively discussion.

****Week 8: Illustrating Books****

- Discuss the role of illustrations in storytelling.
- Provide an art session where kids illustrate a scene or cover for a book they are reading.
- Display a gallery of student art inspired by their reading.

****Week 9: Presenting Book Reports****

- Assign a book report or presentation on a book read during the club.
- Offer creative options like making a book trailer, presenting a skit, or crafting a comic strip.
- Provide peer feedback and support for refining presentation skills.

****Week 10: Celebrating Reading Achievements****

- Organize a "book award" ceremony where kids vote on best characters, twists, and more.
- Compile an anthology of students' writings and illustrations from the series.
- Host a finale celebration with themed snacks, games, and a sharing circle where each student shares their biggest takeaway from the club.

For additional support, reference this [experience outline template](#) which includes tips and prompts to help you develop and lead an excellent Grasshopper Kids experience.

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