



Animal Character Traits

National Standards > Language Arts

#3 - Apply a wide range of strategies to comprehend, interpret, evaluate and appreciate text.

Kentucky: Language Arts Literary Reading Standard

Includes whole texts and excerpts from materials such as short stories, novels, essays, poetry, plays, and scripts. The reading materials represent various historical and cultural perspectives

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- Demonstrate knowledge of the characteristics of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and plays.

Ohio: Language Arts Literary Text Standard

Benchmark

Grades 2-3

C. Recognize the defining characteristics and features of different literary forms and genres.

PRE-SHOW LESSON

Objective

Students will explore the elements of a fable including the story, characters (animals), and moral.

Vocabulary

- Moral
- Fable

Materials

- Town Mouse and the Country Mouse by Jan Brett
- Masks from www.JanBrett.com
- Collection of Aesop's Fables from www.AesopFables.com (Click on Selected Fables)

Activity

Teacher will:

- Read Town Mouse and the Country Mouse and discuss how it is a fable
- Provide masks so students can act out this fable.
- Divide the class into groups.
- Select one student in each group to be the narrator.

Students will:

- Pantomime the fable assigned to their group as the narrator reads it.
- Practice reading the fable.
- Perform the fable for the rest of the class.
- Record the moral for each fable.

Assessment

Use the identification of morals for each fable.

Reader's Theater

- "The Lion and the Mouse" from Folktale Plays-Teaching Conflict Resolution from Scholastic Books.

POST-SHOW ACTIVITY**Vocabulary**

- Character traits

Materials

- Character Trait Report Card (See Attachment)

Activity**Teacher will:**

- Discuss character traits.
- Provide students with the Character Trait Report Card

Students will:

- Complete the Character Trait Report Card.

Assessment

Assess the Character Trait Report Card. (See Attachment)



Character Trait Report Card

Name _____

Fable _____

Animal	Character Trait	Grade	Comments (Evidence to justify the grade)

