

Grade Three Word Map Lesson Plan

ELA Curricular objectives:

- Text features can provide information that is not in the main body of a text
- Students apply fluency strategies and develop reading comprehension

Instructional Strategy:

Word Map

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- Using word maps as a tool to help learn new vocabulary

Lesson

1. Read 1-2 chapters from *Charlotte's Web* each day. Each day switching how the chapters are read. One day the teacher reads aloud, some days students read aloud, students can read independently or read with a partner.
2. The story provides numerous scientific words that students might not understand or know what they mean. Each day after reading, students choose 2 words that they are unsure about and they create mind maps with each word. The use of how to use a mind map would have been reviewed and modelled.
3. The Mind map templates are cut out and added to their novel study book for *Charlotte's Web*. A focus on the words that Charlotte spins in order to save Wilbur.
4. The project at the end of the novel would be to have students create their own spider web with an inspiring word on it. They will have to share with the class why that word fits Wilbur. Students can use various art supplies to create their web.

Review of the different parts of a word map:

- definition - what does the word mean
- synonym - another word that means the same thing
- antonym - a word that means the opposite
- picture - visual representation of the word

ELL Accommodation: Pictures are used along with the various examples to help build understanding. Scaffolding the lesson slowly with having the teacher model and then slowly releasing responsibility to students provides a low stakes environment. The mind map provides connections to prior knowledge and a visual representation of the word. There are audio versions of Charlotte Web as well as use of the C-pen for students who still are not at the reading level to read Charlotte’s Web independently.

Word Map Template:

Word Map		
 Synonym	 Word Page #	 Antonym
Dictionary Meaning	Own Sentence	Sentence or Phrase from Novel
Picture or Sketch		

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