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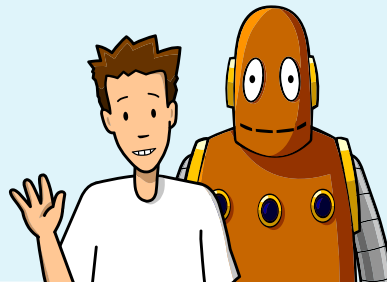
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Kindergarten

Topic: Make Predictions

Objective: Learn to use evidence to predict what will happen next in a story or nonfiction text.

Lesson Plan: [Make Predictions](#)

Day 1 Time: 15 minutes	Day 2 Time: 15-20 minutes	Days 3-5 Time: 15 minutes per day
<p>Build Knowledge Make Predictions Movie Watch and pause to discuss Annie's Notebook prompts.</p>	<p>Build Knowledge Make Predictions Movie Rewatch as a whole class, without pausing.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Make Predictions Quiz Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills.</p>	<p>Deepen and Extend Express understanding with one or more learning activity:</p> <p>Draw About It Draw your prediction about what Moby will do next!</p> <p>Picture Prediction Activity Look at the pictures and write or draw predictions.</p>

Topic: Parts of a Plant

Objective: Discover the name and function of each plant part, including roots, stem, and leaves.

Lesson Plan: [Parts of a Plant](#)

Day 1 Time: 15 minutes	Day 2 Time: 15-20 minutes	Days 3-5 Time: 15 minutes per day
<p>Build Knowledge Parts of a Plant Movie Watch and pause to discuss Annie's Notebook prompts.</p> 	<p>Build Knowledge Parts of a Plant Movie Rewatch as a whole class, without pausing.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Parts of a Plant Quiz Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills.</p>	<p>Deepen and Extend Express understanding with one or more learning activity:</p> <p>Make-a-Map Identify the different parts of a plant.</p> <p>Draw About It Draw a plant and label its parts.</p> <p>Experiment Conduct an experiment to find out what roots and stems do.</p>

Grade One

Topic: Character

Objective: Learn to identify a character's traits through their words, actions, thoughts and feelings.

Lesson Plan: [Character](#)

Day 1 Time: 15 minutes	Day 2 Time: 15-20 minutes	Days 3-5 Time: 15 minutes per day
<p>Build Knowledge Character Movie Watch and pause to discuss Annie's Notebook prompts.</p>	<p>Build Knowledge Character Movie Rewatch as a whole class, without pausing.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Character Quiz Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills.</p>	<p>Deepen and Extend Express understanding with one or more learning activity:</p> <p>Make-a-Map Identify traits of a favorite book character.</p> <p>Draw About It Draw a character from a favorite book.</p> <p>Trading Card Activity Draw a character on one side of a trading card and their traits on the other.</p>

Topic: Reading Maps

Objective: Learn about different map features and how to use them to read a map.

Lesson Plan: [Reading Maps](#)

Day 1 Time: 15 minutes	Day 2 Time: 15-20 minutes	Days 3-5 Time: 15 minutes per day
<p>Build Knowledge Reading Maps Watch and pause to discuss Annie's Notebook prompts.</p>	<p>Build Knowledge Reading Maps Rewatch as a whole class, without pausing.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Reading Maps Quiz Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills.</p>	<p>Deepen and Extend Express understanding with one or more learning activity:</p> <p>Make-a-Map Identify the different elements of a map and the purpose of each.</p> <p>Draw About It Draw a map of your room that includes a map key.</p> <p>Buried Treasure Activity Follow the map directions to find a buried treasure.</p>

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Grade Two

Topic: Main Idea

Objective: Understand what a main idea is and how to identify the main idea in a piece of writing.

Lesson Plan: [Main Idea](#)

Day 1 Time: 15 minutes	Day 2 Time: 15-20 minutes	Days 3-5 Time: 15 minutes per day
<p>Build Knowledge Main Idea Movie Watch and pause to discuss Annie's Notebook prompts.</p>	<p>Build Knowledge Main Idea Movie Rewatch as a whole class, without pausing.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Main Idea Quiz Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills.</p>	<p>Deepen and Extend Express understanding with one or more learning activity:</p> <p>Make-a-Map Identify the main idea of a favorite story and details to support it.</p> <p>Write About It Write a paragraph and challenge a classmate to identify the main idea.</p> <p>Creative Coding Code a conversation where one friend tells another the main idea of a story.</p>

Topic: Making Observations

Objective: Learn to use tools for observing and gathering information.

Lesson Plan: [Making Observations](#)

Day 1 Time: 15 minutes	Day 2 Time: 15-20 minutes	Days 3-5 Time: 15 minutes per day
<p>Build Knowledge Making Observations Movie Watch and pause to discuss Annie's Notebook prompts.</p>	<p>Build Knowledge Making Observations Movie Rewatch as a whole class, without pausing.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Making Observations Quiz Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills.</p>	<p>Deepen and Extend Express understanding with one or both learning activities:</p> <p>Make-a-Map Observe something in nature and identify its color, shape, texture, smell, and more.</p> <p>Weather Observation Activity Observe the weather and record your findings.</p>


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Grade Three

Topic: Setting

Objective: Explore how setting “sets” rules and possibilities of a story, and how it relates to the other story elements.

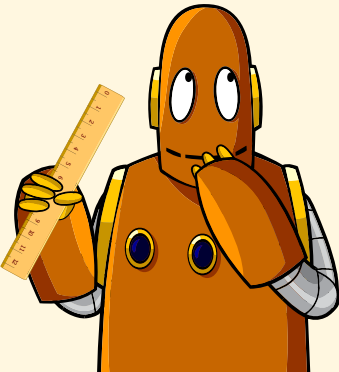
Lesson Plan: [Setting](#)

Day 1 Time: 15 minutes	Day 2 Time: 15-20 minutes	Days 3-5 Time: 15 minutes per day
<p>Build Knowledge Setting Movie Watch and pause to discuss Annie’s Notebook prompts.</p>	<p>Build Knowledge Setting Movie Rewatch as a whole class, without pausing.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Setting Quiz Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills.</p>	<p>Deepen and Extend Express understanding with one or more learning activities:</p> <p>Make-a-Map Compare and contrast the settings of two different stories.</p> <p>Talk About It Identify stories that are set in the present, past, and future.</p> <p>Story Setting Activity Match story to setting.</p>

Topic: Branches of Government

Objective: Learn how the legislative, judicial, and executive branches work together.

Lesson Plan: [Branches of Government](#)

Day 1 Time: 15 minutes	Day 2 Time: 15-20 minutes	Days 3-5 Time: 15 minutes per day
<p>Build Knowledge Branches of Government Movie Watch and pause to discuss Annie’s Notebook prompts.</p> 	<p>Build Knowledge Branches of Government Movie Rewatch as a whole class, without pausing.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Branches of Government Quiz Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills.</p>	<p>Deepen and Extend Express understanding with one or more learning activity:</p> <p>Make-a-Map Identify the branches of government and the responsibility of each.</p> <p>Creative Coding Code a museum exhibit featuring one artifact for each branch of government.</p> <p>Write About It Write a letter to your local government about ideas for improving your community.</p>

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<p>Build Knowledge Setting Movie Watch with Pause Point Set 1.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Setting Quiz Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills.</p>	<p>Build Knowledge Setting Movie Rewatch without Pause Points.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Setting Challenge Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills with multiple response types.</p>	<p>Deepen and Extend Express understanding with one or more learning activity:</p> <p>Make-a-Movie Produce a commercial for a favorite book featuring descriptive details about the setting.</p> <p>Make-a-Map Identify how setting influences the plot, characters, and theme of your favorite book.</p> <p>Creative Coding Code a sorting game based on setting details.</p>

Topic: Scientific Process

Objective: Learn how to implement science and engineering practices to define problems and design possible solutions.

Lesson Plan: [Scientific Process](#)

Day 1 Time: 15 minutes	Day 2 Time: 15-20 minutes	Days 3-5 Time: 15 minutes per day
<p>Build Knowledge Scientific Process Movie Watch with Pause Point Set 1.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Scientific Process Quiz Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills.</p>	<p>Build Knowledge Scientific Process Movie Rewatch without Pause Points.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Scientific Process Challenge Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills with multiple response types.</p>	<p>Deepen and Extend Express understanding with one or both learning activities:</p> <p>Make-a-Movie Make a movie about something you observed in nature and questions you have about your observation.</p> <p>Make-a-Map Identify and describe each part of the scientific process.</p>


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Grade Four

Topic: Plot

Objective: Learn how ideas and characters develop over the course of a story.

Lesson Plan: [Plot](#)

Day 1 Time: 15 minutes	Day 2 Time: 15-20 minutes	Days 3-5 Time: 15 minutes per day
<p>Build Knowledge Plot Movie Watch with Pause Point Set 1.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Plot Quiz Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills.</p>	<p>Build Knowledge Plot Movie Rewatch without Pause Points.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Plot Challenge Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills with multiple response types.</p>	<p>Deepen and Extend Express understanding with one or more learning activity:</p> <p>Make-a-Movie Produce a trailer telling the plot of your favorite book.</p> <p>Make-a-Map Identify plot elements of a favorite story.</p> <p>Creative Coding Code a meme about the plot of a favorite movie or book.</p>

Topic: Causes of the American Revolution

Objective: Explore the economic, intellectual, and cultural forces that contributed to the war.

Lesson Plan: [Causes of the American Revolution](#)

Day 1 Time: 15 minutes	Day 2 Time: 15-20 minutes	Days 3-5 Time: 15 minutes per day
<p>Build Knowledge Causes of the American Revolution Movie Watch with Pause Point Set 1.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Causes of the American Revolution Quiz Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills.</p>	<p>Build Knowledge Causes of the American Revolution Movie Rewatch without Pause Points.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Causes of the American Revolution Challenge Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills with multiple response types.</p>	<p>Deepen and Extend Express understanding with one or more learning activity:</p> <p>Make-a-Movie Produce a commercial persuading colonists to boycott British goods.</p> <p>Make-a-Map Identify the escalating conflicts that led up to the American Revolution.</p> <p>Learning Game As an apprentice in 1770 Boston, you must decide which side you support: patriots or loyalists.</p>


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Grade Five

Topic: Main Idea

Objective: Discover strategies for determining the central idea of a text.

Lesson Plan: [Main Idea](#)

Day 1 Time: 15 minutes	Day 2 Time: 15-20 minutes	Days 3-5 Time: 15 minutes per day
<p>Build Knowledge Main Idea Movie Watch with Pause Point Set 2.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Main Idea Quiz Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills.</p>	<p>Build Knowledge Main Idea Movie Rewatch without Pause Points.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Main Idea Challenge Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills with multiple response types.</p>	<p>Deepen and Extend Express understanding with one or more learning activity:</p> <p>Make-a-Movie Make a commercial for a favorite book that tells its main idea in a way that persuades people to read it.</p> <p>Make-a-Map Identify the main idea of a book you're reading. Include supporting details.</p> <p>Creative Coding Code a headline stating the main idea of a favorite book.</p>

Topic: Scientific Process

Objective: Learn how to implement science and engineering practices to define problems and design possible solutions.

Lesson Plan: [Scientific Process](#)

Day 1 Time: 15 minutes	Day 2 Time: 15-20 minutes	Days 3-5 Time: 15 minutes per day
<p>Build Knowledge Scientific Process Movie Watch with Pause Point Set 1.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Scientific Process Quiz Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills.</p>	<p>Build Knowledge Scientific Process Movie Rewatch without Pause Points.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Scientific Process Challenge Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills with multiple response types.</p>	<p>Deepen and Extend Express understanding with one or more learning activity:</p> <p>Make-a-Movie Produce a news story about a scientific discovery and how the scientific process led to this finding.</p> <p>Make-a-Map Describe how to form and test a hypothesis about a natural phenomenon, such as rainbows or whirlpools.</p> <p>Creative Coding Code a game challenging players to sort actions by their step in the scientific process.</p>




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Grade Six

Topic: Text Structures

Objective: Learn how identifying text structure can help readers understand and retain information.

Lesson Plan: [Text Structures](#)

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<p>Build Knowledge Text Structures Movie Watch with Pause Point Set 2.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Text Structures Quiz Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills.</p>	<p>Build Knowledge Text Structures Movie Rewatch without Pause Points.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Text Structures Challenge Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills with multiple response types.</p>	<p>Deepen and Extend Express understanding with one or more learning activity:</p> <p>Make-a-Movie Create a video tutorial explaining how key words, phrases, or ideas help identify a text's structure.</p> <p>Make-a-Map Identify the structure of a nonfiction text you've read. Describe the features of that text structure.</p> <p>Creative Coding Code a headline that uses the cause-and-effect text structure.</p>

Topic: Cells

Objective: Recognize the structure and function of cells.

Lesson Plan: [Cells](#)

Day 1 Time: 15 minutes	Day 2 Time: 15-20 minutes	Days 3-5 Time: 15 minutes per day
<p>Build Knowledge Cells Movie Watch with Pause Point Set 2.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Cells Quiz Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills.</p>	<p>Build Knowledge Cells Movie Rewatch without Pause Points.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Cells Challenge Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills with multiple response types.</p>	<p>Deepen and Extend Express understanding with one or more learning activity:</p> <p>Make-a-Movie Make a movie that describes features that distinguish different types of cells.</p> <p>Make-a-Map Create a concept map identifying a cell's components and their different jobs.</p> <p>Primary Source Activity Analyze real images of cells and cite details to answer questions.</p>


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Grade Seven

Topic: Characterization

Objective: Learn how authors develop characters with dialogue, actions, and description.

Lesson Plan: [Characterization](#)

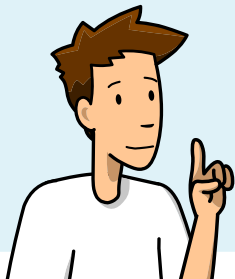
Day 1 Time: 15 minutes	Day 2 Time: 15-20 minutes	Days 3-5 Time: 15 minutes per day
<p>Build Knowledge Characterization Movie Watch with Pause Point Set 3.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Characterization Quiz Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills.</p>	<p>Build Knowledge Characterization Movie Rewatch without Pause Points.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Text Structures Challenge Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills with multiple response types.</p>	<p>Deepen and Extend Express understanding with one or more learning activity:</p> <p>Make-a-Movie Produce a video interview between you and a character from a story in which you ask the conflict they faced and how they overcame it.</p> <p>Make-a-Map Make a concept map comparing and contrasting direct and indirect characterization.</p> <p>Creative Coding Code a meme about a most or least favorite book character.</p>

Topic: Continents of the World

Objective: Understand that geographic regions have unifying characteristics.

Lesson Plan: [Continents of the World](#)

Day 1 Time: 15 minutes	Day 2 Time: 15-20 minutes	Days 3-5 Time: 15 minutes per day
<p>Build Knowledge Continents of the World Movie Watch with Pause Point Set 3.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Continents of the World Quiz Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills.</p>	<p>Build Knowledge Continents of the World Movie Rewatch without Pause Points.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Continents of the World Challenge Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills with multiple response types.</p>	<p>Deepen and Extend Express understanding with one or more learning activity:</p> <p>Make-a-Movie You are on a journey to all seven continents. Produce a travelog describing the different characteristics of each continent.</p> <p>Make-a-Map Make a concept map comparing and contrasting two continents, such as geographic features and climate.</p> <p>Creative Coding Code a game challenging players to sort geographic features by continent.</p>




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Grade Eight

Topic: Citing Sources

Objective: Learn how to format MLA citations for every type of source.

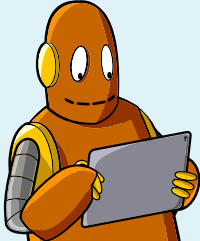
Lesson Plan: [Citing Sources](#)

Day 1 Time: 15 minutes	Day 2 Time: 15-20 minutes	Days 3-5 Time: 15 minutes per day
<p>Build Knowledge Citing Sources Movie Watch with Pause Point Set 2.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Citing Sources Quiz Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills.</p>	<p>Build Knowledge Citing Sources Movie Rewatch without Pause Points.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Citing Sources Challenge Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills with multiple response types.</p>	<p>Deepen and Extend Express understanding with one or both learning activities:</p> <p>Make-a-Movie Create a video tutorial explaining how to cite a page in a book for a bibliography.</p> <p>Make-a-Map Make a concept map identifying examples of MLA citations for different types of resources, such as books, online articles, movies, or podcasts.</p>

Topic: Articles of Confederation

Objective: Understand how the United States was governed before the existence of the Constitution.

Lesson Plan: [Articles of Confederation](#)

Day 1 Time: 15 minutes	Day 2 Time: 15-20 minutes	Days 3-5 Time: 15 minutes per day
<p>Build Knowledge Articles of Confederation Movie Watch with Pause Point Set 2.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Articles of Confederation Quiz Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills.</p> 	<p>Build Knowledge Articles of Confederation Movie Rewatch without Pause Points.</p> <p>Apply and Assess Articles of Confederation Challenge Demonstrate content knowledge while practicing essential literacy skills with multiple response types.</p>	<p>Deepen and Extend Express understanding with one or more learning activity:</p> <p>Make-a-Movie Produce a movie explaining the need for a centralized government after the U.S. declared independence.</p> <p>Make-a-Map Identify the timeline of events leading to delegates drafting the U.S. Constitution.</p> <p>Primary Source Examine excerpts from the Articles of Confederation and Constitution, then cite text evidence to answer questions.</p>


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