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Literature

Use Context Clues

Wagon Wheels

The True Story of Pocahontas
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The Lightning Round

- Random Reporters share team responses; team reps from other teams may agree, disagree, or add on to these responses.
- Use the following rubrics to evaluate responses and give specific feedback.
- Award points to the teams with 100-pt. responses; add the points to the Team Celebration Points poster.
- Celebrate team successes.

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Unit Overview

The focus of this unit is on using other sentences or passages in the text to clarify the meaning of difficult sections of the text, also referred to as using context clues. By using context clues, students will connect what they have already read to what they may find challenging in their reading.

The word power objective for cycle 1 is to pronounce and determine the meaning of compound words by separating each word and thinking about its meaning. Identifying compound words is a tool that may help students when they are unsure of how to pronounce or figure out a word. If they can identify two familiar words within a larger word, that will help them figure out the meaning. The word power objective for cycle 2 is to break words into base words and the endings -ing, -ed, and -s.

The writing objective is to choose words and phrases from the text that support the writer's point. Encourage students to select key words and phrases from the reading and use them in their oral and written responses.

Scores are not collected and recorded in level 2-3 units for some classwork questions. Level 2-3 students will not earn graphic organizer/notes or summary scores as indicated in the Lightning Round Scores rows of the team score sheet and in the Classwork Scores columns of the teacher cycle record form.

Level 2-3 students earn word power scores by correctly answering the Team Talk questions as indicated with “word power” in parentheses. Correct Random Reporter responses earn 100 points for the individual student and 1 team celebration point for the team.
Unit Topic/Content

In cycle 1, students will read *Wagon Wheels*, a historical narrative by Barbara Brenner. After the Civil War, Ed Muldie and his three boys arrive in Kansas to build a home on free land. But the arrival of winter slows down their dream of building a house; they have just enough time to build a dugout for themselves. When spring arrives, Ed Muldie leaves his boys behind and sets off to find better land. While waiting for their father’s instructions, the boys must survive without him. Finally, their father sends for them, and the boys journey a hundred and fifty miles by themselves to reach their father and their new home.

The following background information can help enrich your students’ experience of this book. In 1862, Abraham Lincoln signed the Homestead Act into law. This act gave many different people the opportunity to own land. Women, immigrants, farmers, and former slaves were the most common homesteaders. After paying $18, homesteaders were required to live on, build on, and make improvements to the land they had been granted. Then, for an additional $6, the land became theirs outright. The homesteaders went west to build their homes, and they took land that was being used by Indian tribes. The Osage tribe used to live on the land that is now Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. The Osage tribe now lives on a reservation in Osage County, Oklahoma. *Wagon Wheels* is based on the real experiences of the Muldie family. Page 64 of this book offers valuable background information about this family’s story. Additionally, you can visit www.middleschool.net/curlink/ss/cvlrecon/cvlreco.htm to learn more about the Civil War, www.nps.gov/home/homestead_act.html to learn more about the Homestead Act, www.nps.gov/nico/ to learn more about the town of Nicodemus, Kansas, and emints.more.net/ethemes/resources/S00000146.shtml to learn more about the Osage Indians.

In cycle 2, students will read *The True Story of Pocahontas* by Lucille Recht Penner. This book tells the story of Pocahontas’ life as a young Powhatan princess and how she becomes a friend to the English settlers who come to the New World. Pocahontas saves the life of Captain John Smith when members of the tribe try to kill him. After Captain Smith is injured in a fire and returns home to England, Pocahontas is eventually taken prisoner by Captain Argall, who holds her in attempts to make peace and obtain corn from the Powhatan people. Pocahontas’ father, Chief Powhatan, refuses, and Pocahontas remains in Jamestown, where she meets a tobacco planter named John Rolfe. They marry, have a child, and move to England, where she remains for the rest of her life.

Text and Media Selections

Internet/Media Options

To expand your students’ background knowledge, consider using Internet/media options with lessons. Always preview sites for availability and suitability. Please make sure you have the correct plug-ins.
### At a Glance

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Lesson 1

**Reading Objective:** Use other words and phrases in the text to clarify the meaning of difficult words.

**Teacher Background**

After a difficult trip from Kentucky, the Muldie family arrives in Kansas with the hope of building a home on free land. Upon arriving, they learn that the harsh winter is approaching, and they will only have time to build a dugout for themselves. They build the dugout in the ground and use branches for the roof. Although the dugout is not much more than dirt walls and a dirt floor, it soon begins to feel like home.

**Active Instruction**

(22 minutes)

**Big Question**

Post and present this cycle’s Big Question. Have students write a response to the question as they arrive for class.

The Big Question: How would you feel if you had to move to a new place, far away from your home, to start a new life?

**Set the Stage**

1. Refer students to today’s Big Question. Use **Think-Pair-Share** to ask:

   How would you feel if you had to move to a new place, far away from your home, to start a new life?

   *(Answers may vary.) I would feel scared, but excited, because it would be different and new, but it might be a better opportunity.*

   Tell students that the text they will begin reading today is about a family that travels west to start a new life.

2. Ask students to review their cycle goal. Remind students how to earn team celebration points. Remind them that team celebration points help them to become super teams. Tell them that they can earn team celebration points during the Lightning Round.

3. Introduce the text, author, and reading objective.

4. Distribute copies of Wagon Wheels. Have students preview the text. Use **Think-Pair-Share** to ask:

   Is this literature or informational text? How do you know?
The text is literature. Students will cite evidence that the text is literature such as the use of the words novel, stories, the story of, etc. in the subtitle or blurb on the back of the book.

After previewing Wagon Wheels, what do you think the book will be about? Explain the clues that you used to make this prediction.

(Accept reasonable responses.) For example, the book will be about a father and his three sons who travel west in a wagon to make a home on the Prairie.

5. Introduce and show the video “Settling the West.”

Today we will read about a family that moves west in search of a new start. Let’s watch a brief video about this period in American history.

6. After showing the video, use Think-Pair-Share to ask:

Why did the United States government want settlers to move west?

(Answers will vary.) The government wanted settlers to move west to expand the U.S. territory to try to move the Indians to other parts of the country.

Interactive Read Aloud

1. State the reading objective.

This cycle our reading objective is to use other words and phrases in the text to clarify the meaning of difficult words.

Explain the skill to students.

This skill is helpful when we read because if we don’t understand a word, we can look at surrounding text for clues about the word’s meaning. Context clues might include synonyms and antonyms, explanations and descriptions, or even the illustrations in a text. We can often use context to help us figure out something that might be challenging when we’re reading.

2. Read pages 7–11 aloud, stopping after the words “…a carpenter.” A sample Think Aloud follows.

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(Read the rest of page 11 aloud.)

OK, in this last sentence, the father says that he can build fine wood houses. I think that maybe the word carpenter means someone who builds with wood. That makes sense because the father says earlier that holes in the ground are for rabbits and snakes. I’m glad I found some clues in the text that helped me clarify the word I had trouble with.
3. Use **Think-Pair-Share** to ask:

**How did I use the skill?**

*When I came to the word carpenter, I didn’t really know what it meant, so I looked for clues to help me clarify the part that I found unclear.*

**How did using the skill help me figure out difficult words?**

*Using the skill helped me to better understand what I read. Before, I didn’t know what the word carpenter meant, so I didn’t really understand what I was reading. After reading on, I was able to use the words and phrases in the text to help me clarify what the word meant.*

4. Model creating a graphic organizer, such as a story map, and making notes.

A sample graphic organizer follows.

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<td>Where: Nicodemus, Kansas; prairie land</td>
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5. **Partner Practice:** Student partner pairs use the read-aloud/think-aloud process to practice the skill or strategy with the next passage in the text. Have students read page 12. Use **Think-Pair-Share** to ask:

*What word did you and your partner need to clarify? How did you figure it out?*

We needed help with clarifying the word **mean**. To help us understand the word, we looked for context clues in the text. It said that they had better get a dugout before the ground freezes. So, that made us think that the word **mean** here meant really bad, like the winters in Kansas are really cold and rough.

Use **Random Reporter** to debrief.

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**Teamwork**

(20 minutes)

**Partner Prep**

1. Explain, or review if necessary, the student routines for partner reading and fluency before having students read and restate: **pages 13–15 aloud with partners.**

2. Circulate and check for comprehension, evidence of strategy use, and notes about story elements on the graphic organizer. Give students feedback. Prompt and reinforce their discussions.

3. If some partners finish ahead of their teammates, have them begin looking over the Team Talk questions.

**Team Discussion**

1. Explain, or review if necessary, how to use role cards and the student routines for strategy use and Team Talk discussion.

2. Remind students to use the rubrics on their team folders to prepare each team member to discuss the team’s strategy use, oral and written Team Talk responses, and fluency. Tell students that they should also be ready to share notes they added on the graphic organizer.

3. Preview the Team Talk questions. If necessary, ask questions to guide students’ reflection as they determine the meaning of the “(Write)” question.
Team Talk Questions

1. What word did your team clarify? How did you figure it out? **(Write)** [CV]
   (strategy-use rubric)
   100 = A word that we clarified was whistle, in “the wind began to whistle across the prairie.” To clarify, we used context clues, like the drawing on pages 14 and 15. It shows the grass bent over, like there is a strong wind blowing. Whistle here must mean that the wind is blowing hard and is making a lot of noise. This helped us understand what it was like to live on the prairie.
   90 = A word that we clarified was whistle, in “the wind began to whistle across the prairie.” To clarify, we used context clues, like the drawing on pages 14 and 15. It shows the grass bent over, like there is a strong wind blowing.
   80 = A word that we clarified was whistle.

2. What does the phrase “it wasn’t much of a place” on page 14 refer to? Explain using support from the text. **[RE, SA]** (Team Talk rubric)
   100 = The phrase “it wasn’t much of a place” refers to the dugout that they built. The text states that the dugout had a dirt floor, dirt walls, and no windows. So, it wasn’t much of a place because it was very simple and was more like a hole in the ground.
   90 = The phrase “it wasn’t much of a place” is talking about the dugout that they built. It says that the dugout had a dirt floor, dirt walls, and no windows.
   80 = The phrase “it wasn’t much of a place” is talking about the dugout that they built.

3. The narrator in the story indicates that he is glad. Why is he glad and what does he mean by this? **[DC, RE]** (Team Talk rubric)
   100 = The narrator in the story indicates that he is glad because they have the dugout. In the text, the little boy says that they were “glad to have that dugout when the wind began to whistle across the prairie.” The wind was probably very cold, and they were happy to have shelter for the winter.
   90 = The narrator in the story means that he is glad because they have the dugout. The little boy says that they were “glad to have that dugout when the wind began to whistle across the prairie.”
   80 = The narrator in the story means that he is glad because they have the dugout.

4. Have students thoroughly discuss Team Talk questions before they write individual answers to the skill question marked “(Write).” Allow students to revise their written answers after further discussion if necessary.

5. Prompt teams to discuss comprehension problems and strategy use (their sticky notes) and important ideas that they added to their graphic organizers.

6. Circulate and give feedback to teams and students. Use rubrics to give specific feedback. Ask questions to encourage further discussion. Record individual scores on the teacher cycle record form.
7. If some teams finish ahead of others, have them practice their fluency.

8. Award team celebration points for good team discussions that demonstrate 100-point responses.

Class Discussion

(18 minutes)

Lightning Round

1. Use Random Reporter to have teams share strategy use, oral and written Team Talk responses, and fluency. Ask other teams to agree, disagree, or add on to responses.

2. Use rubrics to evaluate responses and give specific feedback. Award team celebration points for 100-point responses. Record individual scores on the teacher cycle record form.

Celebrate

1. Tally the team scores on the poster, and celebrate teams that are accumulating points. Have teams reflect on the following questions:

   **How many points did your team earn today?**

   **How can your team earn more points?**

   Remind students that top-scoring teams will earn bonus points that will be added to their cycle scores.

   • **Something to cheer about:** Choose a behavior or learning outcome that you would like to reinforce, and reward that behavior by asking students to lead a cheer of their choice.

2. As a reminder, refer students to the Read and Respond homework assignment described in their student editions.
Lesson 2

**Reading Objective:** Use other words and phrases in the text to clarify the meaning of difficult words.

**Word Power Objective:** Separate compound words into their word parts to determine their meanings.

**Teacher Background**

Today students will read about the cold winter the family experiences in Kansas and how their supplies run out. Indians arrive in their camp, and everyone is frightened. The Indians drop off food and firewood for the families, and the people are able to make fires to keep warm and eat deer meat, fish, beans, and squash.

**Active Instruction**

*(25 minutes)*

**Partner Vocabulary Study**

1. Display the vocabulary words. Have students use the vocabulary study routine as they copy the words in their journals and rate their knowledge of each as they arrive for class.

2. Spot-check the Read and Respond homework.

**Vocabulary**

1. Have teams discuss their ratings of the words. Ask teams to make a tent with their hands when they are ready to tell a word the entire team rated with a “+” and a word the entire team rated with a “?”.

2. Use Random Reporter to have the teams share one word that they know and one word that they need to study further. Award team celebration points.

3. Introduce the vocabulary for this cycle. Read each word aloud, and model chunking as needed. Then read the meaning of each word.
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<td>prair-ie</td>
<td>large, mostly flat area of land that has few trees and is covered in grasses</td>
<td>During the late 1800s, many pioneer families moved to the <em>prairie</em> lands to farm.</td>
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<td>carpenter</td>
<td>car-pen-ter</td>
<td>person who makes or fixes wooden objects or wooden parts of buildings</td>
<td>My mother hired a <em>carpenter</em> to build the wooden bookshelves in our basement.</td>
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<td>dugout</td>
<td>dug-out</td>
<td>shelter made by digging a hole in the ground or into the side of a hill</td>
<td>At the zoo, we saw a prairie dog making a <em>dugout</em> to hide under to get out of the hot sunshine.</td>
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<td>supply</td>
<td>sup-ply</td>
<td>an item such as food, equipment, or fuel that is needed for a particular purpose</td>
<td>The news reported that the fuel <em>supply</em> in our country had dropped significantly over the last one hundred years.</td>
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<td>saddlebag</td>
<td>sad-dle-bag</td>
<td>one of a pair of bags that are laid across the back of a horse behind the saddle</td>
<td>The cowboy stored his canteen in the <em>saddlebag</em> so he could drink while he was riding his horse.</td>
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<td>shelter</td>
<td>shel-ter</td>
<td>a structure that covers or protects people or things</td>
<td>My friends and I used boards and bricks to build a <em>shelter</em> that we could use as a fort.</td>
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<td>fire</td>
<td>fire</td>
<td>to shoot</td>
<td>We watched the troops at the military ceremony stand in formation and <em>fire</em> their weapons in a twenty-one gun salute.</td>
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<td>in the direction of something or someone</td>
<td>The dangerous storm was quickly moving <em>toward</em> us, so we took cover in the basement.</td>
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4. Use **Random Reporter** to have teams share a new sentence that uses one of their vocabulary words. Award team celebration points.

5. Remind teams that if they find a word from the vocabulary list used in another place, such as in a magazine, textbook, TV ad, etc., they can bring in or copy the sentence in which the word was used and put it in the Vocabulary Vault to earn team points.

6. Introduce the word power skill (compound words). Link the skill to the Word Treasure clue for compound words.

   **This cycle, we will learn about compound words. Compound words are made up of two individual words. If you don’t recognize a word, you should see if it is made up of two whole words that you do recognize. Thinking about the meaning of the two words will help you figure out the meaning of the whole compound word. The Word Treasure clue we use to remind us of how to break down compound words is a boat with two sails of equal size. This reminds us that two words make up a whole word.**

   ![Diagram of a sailboat with two sails of equal size.]

   **shoebox**

7. Display the clue (a sailboat with two sails of equal size), and write **shoebox** on the boat.

8. Model breaking down the compound word and defining it.

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<td>The word <strong>shoebox</strong> appears on the bottom of the boat. I’m not sure what it means, but I know that I should look for two words that I do recognize. I realize that it is made up of the words <strong>shoe</strong> and <strong>box</strong>. I’ll write each word on the boat’s sails.</td>
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<td><strong>(Model writing the word shoe on the left sail and box on the right sail.)</strong></td>
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<td>Now I’ve identified the two words that make up the compound word <strong>shoebox</strong>. I think I can figure out a definition for the word. We use boxes to carry or hold things. I know that when I shop for shoes, they usually come in a box. A shoebox must be a box that holds shoes. Thinking about the two words in <strong>shoebox</strong> helped me define it.</td>
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9. Repeat the activity with the word *nightlight*. Use **Think-Pair-Share** to ask:

The word *nightlight* is a compound word. How would you use the Word Treasure clue to break it down?

*The first sail would have the word night on it, and the second sail would have the word light on it.*

How would you define the word *nightlight*?

*It’s a light that you use at night to help you see in the dark.*

10. Reveal the Word Treasure (skill).

**Word Treasure**

Sometimes two words combine to make one word. If you’re having trouble reading a word like this, read the two words separately and then read the whole word.

11. Tell students that there are compound words in their vocabulary list. Remind them to look out for these words when they review their vocabulary.

12. Tell students that they will practice knowing the meanings of the vocabulary words and the word power skill during Team Talk in preparation for the test.

**Set the Stage**

1. Ask students to review their team’s goal for this cycle and assess their progress.

2. Review the Team Celebration Points poster, and challenge teams to build on their successes.

3. Remind students of the text, author, and reading objective.

4. Have teams review their notes, summarize story events, ask questions about the text, and make some predictions. Use **Random Reporter** to have teams share their discussions.
Interactive Read Aloud

1. Remind students why the reading objective is important.

   This cycle our reading objective is to use other words and phrases in the text to clarify the meaning of difficult words. Clarifying difficult words will help us to better understand what we are reading and will help us to make deeper connections to the text.

2. Read page 16 aloud, stopping after the word supper. A sample Think Aloud follows.

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3. Use Think-Pair-Share to ask:

   **What did I do to help me clarify the difficult word?**
   
   You found context clues in the sentences that came before it, which helped you to understand what the word meant.

   **How will this help me to be a better reader?**
   
   It will help you to be a better reader because you will be able to make meaning of what you are reading, and you will understand the text better.

4. Model creating a graphic organizer, such as a story map, and making notes. A sample graphic organizer follows.
**Sample Graphic Organizer**

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Partner pairs: Read aloud/think aloud with the next passage to practice the skill/strategy.

5. Partner Practice: Student partner pairs use the read-aloud/think-aloud process to practice the skill or strategy with the next passage in the text. Have students finish reading pages 16–21. Use Think-Pair-Share to ask:

What difficult word did you and your partner need to clarify? How did you figure it out?

We clarified the word *lick* because we weren’t sure what it meant when it said “lick of food.” We looked for context clues and saw that they had run out of food. They couldn’t hunt or fish in the winter. They ran out of cornmeal to make cornmeal mush. No one in Nicodemus had food. So *lick* here really means a bite or bit of food. This helped us to better understand how hard winter was on the prairie.

Use Random Reporter to debrief.

Teamwork (20 minutes)

Partner Prep

1. Explain, or review if necessary, the student routines for partner reading and fluency before having students read and restate: pages 22–29 aloud with partners.

2. Circulate and check for comprehension, evidence of strategy use, and notes about story elements on the graphic organizer. Give students feedback. Prompt and reinforce their discussions.

3. If some partners finish ahead of their teammates, have them begin looking over the Team Talk questions.

Team Discussion

1. Explain, or review if necessary, how to use role cards and the student routines for strategy use and Team Talk discussion.

2. Remind students to use the rubrics on their team folders to prepare each team member to discuss the team’s strategy use, oral and written Team Talk responses, and fluency. Tell students that they should also be ready to share notes they added on the graphic organizer.

3. Preview the Team Talk questions. If necessary, ask questions to guide students’ reflection as they determine the meaning of the “(Write)” question.
Team Talk Questions

1. **What word did your team clarify? How did you figure it out? (Write) [CV]**
   
   (strategy-use rubric)

   *100 = A word we needed to clarify was feast. We looked for context clues to help us figure it out. We saw that the Indians had given the people of Nicodemus deer meat, fish, beans, and squash. They had sticks to light fires. We knew they didn’t have food before, and now they were able to cook and eat again. When they had a feast, they must have eaten food. Figuring it out helped us to see how grateful they were for the food the Indians had given them.*

   *90 = A word we needed to clarify was feast. We looked for context clues to help us figure it out. We saw that the Indians had given the people of Nicodemus deer meat, fish, beans, and squash. They had sticks to light fires. When they had a feast, they must have eaten food.*

   *80 = A word we needed to clarify was feast.*

2. **Why does Johnny say, “I will get my gun, Daddy” on page 22? Explain, using support from the text. [DC, SA] (Team Talk rubric)**

   *100 = Johnny says that he will get his gun because Indians come into their camp. The text explains that they heard the sound of horses, and they were so scared because they had heard stories about Indians. Johnny told his father he would get his gun to help protect them.*

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   *80 = Johnny says that he will get his gun because Indians come into their camp.*

3. **What does Daddy mean when he says that the Osage Indians saved their lives? Explain, using support from the text. [DC, RE, SA] (Team Talk rubric)**

   *100 = Daddy means that if the Osage Indians hadn’t brought them supplies, they would have died. Before, they were freezing and starving, but the Osage Indians came and delivered firewood and food for the people. Daddy means that they owe their lives to the Osage Indians who brought them supplies to survive.*

   *90 = Daddy means that if the Osage Indians hadn’t brought them supplies, they would have died. They were freezing and starving when the Osage Indians came and delivered firewood and food for the people.*

   *80 = Daddy means that if the Osage Indians hadn’t brought them supplies, they would have died.*

4. **Choose a word from the vocabulary list, and write a meaningful sentence using the word correctly. [CV]**

   *Accept a sentence that shows the student knows the meaning of the word and can use it correctly. For example: My teacher is also a carpenter who makes and sells wooden cabinets and shelves for fun during the summer.*

5. **Write the compound word. Write the two words that make up the compound word, and then write a definition for the compound word. Use the sailboat clue if needed. [CV] (word power)**

   *southwest*

   *south + west; a direction between south and west*
4. Have students thoroughly discuss Team Talk questions before they write individual answers to the skill question marked “(Write).” Allow students to revise their answers after further discussion if necessary.

5. Prompt teams to discuss comprehension problems and strategy use (their sticky notes) and important ideas that they added to their graphic organizers.

6. Circulate and give feedback to teams and students. Use rubrics to give specific feedback. Ask questions to encourage further discussion. Record individual scores on the teacher cycle record form.

7. If some teams finish ahead of others, have them practice their fluency.

8. Award team celebration points for good team discussions that demonstrate 100-point responses.

Class Discussion

(15 minutes)

Lightning Round

1. Use Random Reporter to have teams share strategy use, oral and written Team Talk responses, and fluency. Ask other teams to agree, disagree, or add on to responses.

2. Use rubrics to evaluate responses and give specific feedback. Award team celebration points for 100-point responses. Record individual scores on the teacher cycle record form.

Celebrate

1. Tally the team scores on the poster, and celebrate teams that are accumulating points. Have teams reflect on the following questions:

   How many points did your team earn today?

   How can your team earn more points?

   Remind students that top-scoring teams will earn bonus points that will be added to their cycle scores.

   • Something to cheer about: Choose a behavior or learning outcome that you would like to reinforce, and reward that behavior by asking students to lead a cheer of their choice.

2. As a reminder, refer students to the Read and Respond homework assignment described in their student editions.
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<td>an item such as food, equipment, or fuel that is needed for a particular purpose</td>
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<td>saddlebag</td>
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<td>one of a pair of bags that are laid across the back of a horse behind the saddle</td>
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Lesson 3

**Reading Objective:** Use other words and phrases in the text to clarify the meaning of difficult words.

**Word Power Objective:** Separate compound words into their word parts to determine their meanings.

**Teacher Background**

Today students will read chapter 3, “Moving On,” in which Daddy leaves, telling the boys he is going to seek out land for them with trees and hills. Daddy tells the boys that he will send for them when he finds a place. The three boys are left alone to care for one another. A prairie fire strikes, and all the people of Nicodemus take cover in the river.

**Active Instruction**

(25 minutes)

**Partner Vocabulary Study**

1. Display the vocabulary words. Have students use the vocabulary study routine as they rerate their knowledge of each vocabulary word as they arrive for class.
2. Spot-check the Read and Respond homework.

**Vocabulary**

1. Have teams discuss their ratings of the words. Ask teams to make a tent with their hands when they are ready to tell a word the entire team rated with a “+” and a word the entire team rated with a “?”.
2. Use **Random Reporter** to have the teams share one word that they know and one word that they need to study further. Use **Random Reporter** to have teams report on a new sentence using a vocabulary word. Award team celebration points.
3. Remind teams that if they find a word from the vocabulary list used in another place, such as in a magazine, textbook, TV ad, etc., they can bring in or copy the sentence in which the word was used and put it in the Vocabulary Vault to earn team points.
4. Remind students of the word power skill (compound words) and the Word Treasure clue for compound words (sailboat with two big sails).
5. Have students identify the compound words in their vocabulary list. Use **Think-Pair-Share** to ask:

   **Which vocabulary words are compound words? What words make up the compound words?**

   Saddlebag = saddle + bag; dugout = dug + out.
How would you define these words?

A saddlebag is a bag that is carried as part of a saddle. A dugout is a space that you dig out of the ground.

6. Tell students that they will practice knowing the meanings of the vocabulary words and the word power skill during Team Talk in preparation for the test.

Set the Stage

1. Ask students to review their team’s goal for this cycle and assess their progress.
2. Review the Team Celebration Points poster, and challenge teams to build on their successes.
3. Remind students of the text, author, and reading objective.
4. Have teams review their notes, summarize story events, ask questions about the text, and make some predictions. Use Random Reporter to have teams share their discussions.

Interactive Read Aloud

1. Remind students of the reading objective.

   This cycle our reading objective is to use other words and phrases in the text to clarify the meaning of difficult words.

2. Read pages 30 and 31 aloud, stopping after the word send. A sample Think Aloud follows.

   **Sample Think Aloud**
   
   I wonder what the father means when he says, “send for you.” What is he going to send? Let me go back in the text to see if there are any clues there. (Model rereading page 30, starting at the sentence, “But Daddy…”) I see that the father wants the boys to stay in Nicodemus while he goes out and searches for a place for them to live. He wants them to be safe. Maybe Daddy means that he will send something to let them know they can come out to where he is. Perhaps he will send a letter to let them know where he is. That must be what he means when he says, “I will send for you.”

3. Use Think-Pair-Share to ask:

   **What did I do when I came to a word in the text that I needed to clarify?**

   You used context clues and what you know to try to help you to figure out what the word means.

   **How will this help me with my reading?**

   It will help you to understand that Daddy is leaving the boys now, but that he wants the boys to join him later when he has found a home for them.

4. Model creating a graphic organizer, such as a story map, and making notes. A sample graphic organizer follows.
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| **Solution:** |
Partner Practice: Student partner pairs use the read-aloud/think-aloud process to practice the skill or strategy with the next passage in the text. Have students read the rest of pages 31–35 together. Use **Think-Pair-Share** to ask:

**What word did you and your partner need to clarify? How did you figure it out?**

We needed help with clarifying the words *corn bread*. To help us with these words, we looked for context clues. We realized that corn bread is made from the corn meal that Daddy left the boys. It must be a specific kind of bread, made from corn. This helped us to better understand what Johnny was talking about and helped us to make meaning of what we were reading.

Use **Random Reporter** to debrief.

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**Teamwork**

(20 minutes)

**Partner Prep**

1. Explain, or review if necessary, the student routines for partner reading and fluency before having students read and restate: *pages 36–43 aloud with partners.*

2. Circulate and check for comprehension, evidence of strategy use, and notes about story elements on the graphic organizer. Give students feedback. Prompt and reinforce their discussions.

3. If some partners finish ahead of their teammates, have them begin looking over the Team Talk questions.

**Team Discussion**

1. Explain, or review if necessary, how to use role cards and the student routines for strategy use and Team Talk discussion. *sr*

2. Remind students to use the rubrics on their team folders to prepare each team member to discuss the team’s strategy use, oral and written Team Talk responses, and fluency. Tell students that they should also be ready to share notes they added on the graphic organizer.

3. Preview the Team Talk questions. If necessary, ask questions to guide students’ reflection as they determine the meaning of the “(Write)” question.
### Team Talk Questions

1. **What word did your team clarify? How did you figure it out?** *(Write) [CV] (strategy-use rubric)*

   **100 = A word we clarified was sight. We looked for context clues to help us figure it out.**
   To take care of Little Brother, the older boys made a wagon. In a drawing, Little Brother is sitting in a wagon while one of the boys pulls a rope attached to it. We realized that they could always see him since they took him everywhere. This helped us understand how the boys made it easy to keep watch over Little Brother.

   **90 = A word we clarified was sight.**
   We looked for context clues to help us figure it out. To take care of Little Brother, the older boys made a wagon. In a drawing, Little Brother is sitting in a wagon while one of the boys pulls a rope attached to it. We realized that they could always see him since they took him everywhere.

   **80 = A word we clarified was sight.**

2. **How do Johnny and Willie take care of Little Brother? Explain, using support from the text.** *
   [RE, DC, SA] (Team Talk rubric)*

   **100 = Johnny and Willie do all the work while keeping an eye on Little Brother. In the text, it says that the boys hunt, fish, cook, and clean. They make a wagon out of an old box and some wheels so they can pull Little Brother in it. Then they can take him everywhere they go. They wanted to make sure they did what Daddy had told them to do before he left.**

   **90 = Johnny and Willie do all the work while keeping an eye on Little Brother. The boys hunt, fish, cook, and clean. They make a wagon out of an old box and some wheels so they can pull Little Brother in it. They can take him everywhere they go.**

   **80 = Johnny and Willie do all the work while keeping an eye on Little Brother.**

3. **Why does Johnny tell Willie to run to the river? Explain.** *
   [DC, SA] (Team Talk rubric)*

   **100 = Johnny tells Willie to run to the river because a prairie fire is coming toward them. The text says that Johnny saw a deer running to the river, so he told Willie to run there, too. Johnny must have realized that deer know what to do during a prairie fire.**

   **90 = Johnny tells Willie to run to the river because a prairie fire is coming. Johnny saw a deer running to the river, so he told Willie to run there, too.**

   **80 = Johnny tells Willie to run to the river because a prairie fire is coming.**

4. **What word is a synonym for toward? What word is an antonym for toward?** *(Reminder: an antonym is a word meaning the opposite.) [CV] (Accept reasonable responses)*

   A synonym for **toward** is **facing**. An antonym for **toward** is **away**.

5. **Write the compound word. Write the two words that make up the compound word, and then write a definition for the compound word. Use the sailboat clue if needed.** *
   [CV] (word power)*

   **stoplight**
   stop + light; a light that tells you when to stop or go
4. Have students thoroughly discuss Team Talk questions before they write individual answers to the skill question marked “(Write).” Allow students to revise their written answers after further discussion if necessary.

5. Prompt teams to discuss comprehension problems and strategy use (their sticky notes) and important ideas that they added to their graphic organizers.

6. Circulate and give feedback to teams and students. Use rubrics to give specific feedback. Ask questions to encourage further discussion. Record individual scores on the teacher cycle record form.

7. If some teams finish ahead of others, have them practice their fluency.

8. Award team celebration points for good team discussions that demonstrate 100-point responses.

**Class Discussion**

(15 minutes)

**Lightning Round**

1. Use Random Reporter to have teams share strategy use, oral and written Team Talk responses, and fluency. Ask other teams to agree, disagree, or add on to responses.

2. Use rubrics to evaluate responses and give specific feedback. Award team celebration points for 100-point responses. Record individual scores on the teacher cycle record form.

3. Show the video “Team Talk Response.”

**Celebrate**

1. Tally the team scores on the poster, and celebrate teams that are accumulating points. Have teams reflect on the following questions:

   **How many points did your team earn today?**

   **How can your team earn more points?**

   Remind students that top-scoring teams will earn bonus points that will be added to their cycle scores.

   - Something to cheer about: Choose a behavior or learning outcome that you would like to reinforce, and reward that behavior by asking students to lead a cheer of their choice.

2. As a reminder, refer students to the Read and Respond homework assignment described in their student editions.
Lesson 4

**Reading Objective:** Use other words and phrases in the text to clarify the meaning of difficult words.

**Word Power Objective:** Separate compound words into their word parts to determine their meanings.

**Teacher Background**

Today students will read chapter 4, “The Letter.” In this chapter, Daddy sends a letter to the boys telling them that he has found a place for them to live. He includes a map for the boys to follow to find him. The boys set out to find their father, who is more than one hundred and fifty miles away.

**Active Instruction**

(25 minutes)

**Partner Vocabulary Study**

1. Display the vocabulary words. Have students use the vocabulary study routine as they rerate their knowledge of each vocabulary word as they arrive for class.

2. Spot-check the Read and Respond homework.

**Vocabulary**

1. Have teams discuss their ratings of the words. Ask teams to make a tent with their hands when they are ready to tell a word the entire team rated with a “+” and a word the entire team rated with a “?”.

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4. Remind students of the word power skill (compound words) and the Word Treasure clue for compound words (sailboat with two big sails).

5. Use Think-Pair-Share to ask:

   **Why do you think you should learn about compound words?**

   *I think I should learn about compound words because it can help me if I am unsure about what a large word means. I can look to see if there are two familiar words joined together to figure out the meaning of a larger word.*
6. Direct students’ attention to the Word Power Challenge. Tell students that they will work in teams to read the compound words, identify their word parts, and define the words.

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7. Use Random Reporter to select students to read the compound words, identify the word parts, and define the compound words.

wildfire = wild + fire; a fire that happens in nature or in the wild

lighthouse = light + house; a house or tower that provides light

8. Tell students that they will practice knowing the meanings of the vocabulary words and the word power skill during Team Talk in preparation for the test.

**Set the Stage**
1. Ask students to review their team’s goal for this cycle and assess their progress.
2. Review the Team Celebration Points poster, and challenge teams to build on their successes.
3. Remind students of the text, author, and reading objective.
4. Have teams review their notes, summarize story events, ask questions about the text, and make some predictions. Use Random Reporter to have teams share their discussions.

**Interactive Read Aloud**
1. Read page 44 aloud, stopping after the word post.
2. Use Think-Pair-Share to ask:

   **I’m not sure I understand what the phrase post rider means here.**
   **How can I clarify it?**

   You should look for context clues to see if they help you understand what the word means. The drawing shows a woman handing a letter to one of the boys. This reminds me of what a mail carrier does today. And I know that mail carriers work for the post office. So a post rider must be someone who delivers mail, like a mail carrier today.

3. Have students read the rest of pages 44–47. Use Think-Pair-Share to ask:

   **What is happening in this section of text?**

   The boys’ father sent them a letter telling them that he has found a place for them to live, and he sends a map so they can come and find him.

   Explain to students that as events occur in the text, they should record the information in their notes to help them organize the ideas from the reading.
**Partner pairs:** Identify important events or details to add to the graphic organizer.

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Daddy is leaving to find a new home for the family; the boys will be alone.

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**Event:**  Daddy, Willie, Little Brother, and the narrator arrive in Nicodemus, Kansas.

**Event:**  The family makes a dugout to help them get through the harsh winter.

**Event:**  The town runs low on food and wood for fires.

**Event:**  The Osage Indians bring food and wood to the people of Nicodemus, and they survive the winter.

**Event:**  The boys take care of themselves while Daddy is away. They even escape a fire on the prairie.

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**Solution:**

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Teamwork
(20 minutes)

Partner Prep
1. Explain, or review if necessary, the student routines for partner reading and fluency before having students read and restate: pages 48–55 aloud with partners.

2. Circulate and check for comprehension, evidence of strategy use, and notes about story elements on the graphic organizer. Give students feedback. Prompt and reinforce their discussions.

3. If some partners finish ahead of their teammates, have them begin looking over the Team Talk questions.

Team Discussion
1. Explain, or review if necessary, how to use role cards and the student routines for strategy use and Team Talk discussion.

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3. Preview the Team Talk questions. If necessary, ask questions to guide students’ reflection as they determine the meaning of the “(Write)” question.

Team Talk Questions

1. What word did your team clarify? How did you figure it out? (Write) [CV]
   (strategy-use rubric)
   100 = A word we needed to clarify was piled. We looked for context clues to help us figure out what the word meant. The text says that they put corn bread and blankets in the wagon. In the drawing on page 49, I see all of their supplies overflowing from the wagon. They must have made a pile of supplies in the wagon. Figuring it out helped us to see how many supplies they were taking with them from Nicodemus.

   90 = A word we needed to clarify was piled. We looked for context clues to help us figure out what the word meant. The text says that they put corn bread and blankets in the wagon. In the drawing, I see all of their supplies in a pile.

   80 = A word we needed to clarify was piled.

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### Team Talk Questions continued

2. What does Johnny mean when he says that they knew they could do it? Explain, using support from the text. [DC, RE, SA] (Team Talk rubric)

   - **100 =** Johnny says that they knew they could do it because their daddy believed in them. The text says their daddy had told them they could do it in the letter he wrote to them. Daddy called them his fine, big boys. So, the boys believed they could since their father also believed in them.

   - **90 =** Johnny says that they knew they could do it because their daddy believed in them. Daddy had told them, “I know you can do it because you are my fine, big boys.”

   - **80 =** Johnny says that they knew they could do it because their daddy believed in them.

3. What does Johnny tell Willie to do about the rattlesnake? [RE] (Team Talk rubric)
   - A. hit it over and over with their shovel
   - B. fire the gun at it to scare it away
   - C. let the fire go out so it will get cold
   - D. jump up and run away with Little Brother

   What does Johnny's advice tell you about him?

   - **100 =** Johnny can stay calm when there is a serious problem. The snake could bite him or his brothers, so he knows they don’t want to scare it. He thinks about what Daddy would do in their situation. Then he remembers that snakes like warmth. Staying calm and thinking helps keep him and his brothers safe.

   - **90 =** Johnny can stay calm when there is a big problem. The snake could bite him or his brothers, so he knows they don’t want to scare it. He thinks about what Daddy would do in their situation. He remembers that snakes like warmth.

   - **80 =** Johnny can stay calm when there is a big problem.

4. Which vocabulary word belongs in the blank? How do you know? [CV]

   We need to restock our _______ of batteries, because we are almost out of them.

   - Supply, because the sentence is talking about restocking batteries since they are running out of them.

5. Write the compound word. Write the two words that make up the compound word, and then write a definition for the compound word. Use the sailboat clue if needed. [CV] (word power)

   - Snowball
     - snow + ball; a ball made of snow

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Cue students to discuss strategy use and graphic organizers.
6. Circulate and give feedback to teams and students. Use rubrics to give specific feedback. Ask questions to encourage further discussion. Record individual scores on the teacher cycle record form.

7. If some teams finish ahead of others, have them practice their fluency.

8. Award team celebration points for good team discussions that demonstrate 100-point responses.

**Class Discussion**

(15 minutes)

**Lightning Round**

1. Use Random Reporter to have teams share strategy use, oral and written Team Talk responses, and fluency. Ask other teams to agree, disagree, or add on to responses.

2. Use rubrics to evaluate responses and give specific feedback. Award team celebration points for 100-point responses. Record individual scores on the teacher cycle record form.

**Celebrate**

1. Tally the team scores on the poster, and celebrate teams that are accumulating points. Have teams reflect on the following questions:

   **How many points did your team earn today?**

   **How can your team earn more points?**

   Remind students that top-scoring teams will earn bonus points that will be added to their cycle scores.

   • Something to cheer about: Choose a behavior or learning outcome that you would like to reinforce, and reward that behavior by asking students to lead a cheer of their choice.

2. As a reminder, refer students to the Read and Respond homework assignment described in their student editions.
Lesson 5

**Writing Objective:** Choose words and phrases from the text that support your point.

**Teacher Background**
For this unit’s writing objective, students will choose words and phrases from the text to support their point about the character of Johnny. This writing activity will require students to support their ideas and justify their position based on textual evidence.

**Active Instruction**

(10 minutes)

**Partner Vocabulary Study**
1. Display the vocabulary words. Have students use the vocabulary study routine as they rerate their knowledge of each vocabulary word as they arrive for class.
2. Spot-check the Read and Respond homework.

**Vocabulary**
1. Have teams discuss their ratings of the words. Ask teams to make a tent with their hands when they are ready to tell a word the entire team rated with a “+” and a word the entire team rated with a “?”.
2. Use Random Reporter to have the teams share one word that they know and one word that they need to study further. Award team celebration points.
3. Use Random Reporter to have teams share a new sentence that uses one of their vocabulary words. Award team celebration points.
4. Remind teams that if they find a word from the vocabulary list used in another place, such as in a magazine, textbook, TV ad, etc., they can bring in or copy the sentence in which the word was used and put it in the Vocabulary Vault to earn team points.

**Set the Stage**
1. Ask students to review their team’s goal for this cycle and assess their progress.
2. Review the Team Celebration Points poster, and challenge teams to build on their successes.
3. Remind students of the text, author, and writing objective.
4. Tell students that they will write to explain if Johnny is a leader or not. Remind students to look back at their notes as they are preparing to write.

*It is possible for two people to read the same story and come away from it with different ideas. What is important is to explain why you have*
certain ideas about the text. When you make a point about an aspect of a story or share your ideas, you need to provide evidence from the text to show why you have that idea. This helps other readers understand the basis for your opinion or point.

5. Refer students to the following writing prompt in their student editions. Read the writing prompt aloud.

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Use Think-Pair-Share to ask:

**Read the prompt. What is it asking you to do: support a claim with reasons, explain ideas or information on a topic, or write a literary response? How do you know?**

*It is asking me to write a literary response. I know because I have to make a point about a character.*

6. Refer students to the following writer’s guide in their student editions. Point out that the writer’s guide for writing a literary response is the criteria for writing. Point out that using the writer’s guide will help them write a quality response.

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Briefly review the guide, noting the four aspects of writing: ideas, organization, style, and mechanics.

Use Think-Pair-Share to ask:

**Which guideline relates to our writing objective: choose words and phrases from the text that support your point?**

*Style, because we need to choose words and phrases from the text to support our point.*

7. Tell students that this 10-minute writing project is practice to prepare them to write a quality answer for the writing section (part II) of the cycle test. Remind them that this section of the test is worth one third of their test score.
Model revising one’s work.

Blackline master provided.

**Model a Skill**

1. Remind students that part of the writing process is revising their work based on partner feedback. Point out that revising their work will help them make sure they include the correct details and information in their writing.

2. Display the following sample passage, and read it aloud.

   I would describe Johnny as a leader because he acted like someone that is in charge. He told the other kids what to do. I’m bossy sometimes, and my mother tells me to be a good leader. When there was a fire, Johnny told the kids to jump in the river. When there was a rattlesnake, Johnny told the kids to lie still and not move. Johnny cooked and took care of his little brothers. He made sure they were OK and safe. That’s what leaders do. That’s why Johnny is a leader.

   Use Think-Pair-Share to ask:

   Did all the information in the sample passage seem important to answering the question from the writing prompt? Why or why not?

   No, there is a sentence about the author being bossy and his mother telling him to be a good leader. This does not seem to have anything to do with the answer. The writer’s point is that Johnny is a leader, so the support from the text should show that Johnny made choices that showed he is a leader.

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**Teamwork**

(20 minutes)

**Independent Work**

Tell students that they have 10 minutes to plan and write drafts of their responses to the writing prompt. Remind them to write on every other line to leave room for revisions. Suggest that they refer to the writing prompt to be sure that they include all the required elements and to the writer’s guide to check the quality of their response.

**Team Discussion**

1. Refer students to the peer feedback checklist in their student editions, and review how to get/give feedback.

2. Have students share their drafts in teams. Allow 5 minutes for students to revise their writing projects based on feedback and to edit them using the editing checklist in their student editions.

3. Have teams put their writing projects in a pile in the middle of their tables so a writing project can be randomly selected.
Class Discussion

(30 minutes)

Lightning Round

Randomly select a writing project from one or two teams’ piles without revealing their authors. Display a writing project, and read it aloud.

Refer students to the writer’s guide for writing a literary response and the writing objective—choose words and phrases from the text that support your point.

Using the writer’s guide, discuss and evaluate the selected writing project(s) with the class.

For example, ask:

- Does the writer introduce their point clearly?
- Does the writer include words and phrases from the text that help a reader to understand their point?
- Does the writer end with a closing statement that supports the information?
- Does the writer use appropriate academic language and full sentences?

Award points to teams whose writing projects meet the criteria. Record these points on the team poster.

Reflection on Writing

Have students reflect on their use of the writing process. Ask:

How did creating and using a graphic organizer work for you? How did it help you write your draft?

*Answers will vary.*

What was the most useful feedback that you received? How did it affect your revisions?

*Answers will vary.*

Did you find it easy or difficult to choose words and phrases from the text to support your point? Do you think the examples were effective?

*Answers will vary.*
Celebrate team successes!

The top team chooses a cheer.

Remind students of the Read and Respond homework assignment.

Celebrate

1. Tally the team scores on the poster, and celebrate teams that are accumulating points. Have teams reflect on the following questions:

   **How many points did your team earn today?**

   **How can your team earn more points?**

   Remind students that top-scoring teams will earn bonus points that will be added to their cycle scores.

   • Something to cheer about: Choose a behavior or learning outcome that you would like to reinforce, and reward that behavior by asking students to lead a cheer of their choice.

2. As a reminder, refer students to the Read and Respond homework assignment described in their student editions.
Writing Prompt

Would you describe Johnny as a leader? Why or why not? Explain, and be sure to include words and phrases from the text that support your point.

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Lesson 6

**Reading Objective:** Use other words and phrases in the text to clarify the meaning of difficult words.

**Writing Objective:** Choose words and phrases from the text that support your point.

**Word Power Objective:** Separate compound words into their word parts to determine their meanings.

**Teacher Background**

Today’s cycle test challenges students to continue to use other words and phrases from the text to clarify the meaning of difficult words in the reading.

In today’s reading, students will read the conclusion of *Wagon Wheels*. In this section of text, the three boys complete their twenty-two-day journey along the Solomon River and arrive at the little home their father has built for them.

**Active Instruction**

(5 minutes)

**Partner Vocabulary Study**

1. Display the vocabulary words. Have students use the vocabulary study routine as they rerate their knowledge of each vocabulary word as they arrive for class.

**Set the Stage**

1. Ask students to review their team’s goal for this cycle and assess their progress.
2. Review the Team Celebration Points poster, and challenge teams to build on their successes.
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**Prepare Students for the Test**

(5 minutes)

**Partner Review**

1. Remind students that they have been practicing using other words and phrases in the text to clarify the meaning of difficult words and choosing words and phrases from the text that support their point. Use **Think-Pair-Share** to ask:
What should I do if I come to a difficult word in the text?

You should use the words and phrases around the word to try to figure out its meaning. Using the surrounding text can help you to find the meaning of a difficult word.

How will using this skill help me to be a better reader?

It helps you to be a better reader because you have a deeper understanding of the words in the text and the point the author is trying to get across.

Tell students that they will use these skills as they take the cycle test.

2. Have partners review their notes for this cycle. Allow 2 or 3 minutes for this activity.

Test Directions

1. Remind students that the test is independent work. Students should not ask their partners for help as they read, but they may use sticky notes if they would like.

2. Distribute the test so students can preview the questions. Point out that some of the test questions are multiple choice for which they will choose the best answer. Other questions require them to write a short answer or create a graphic organizer. Part II of the cycle test requires them to write a long answer. Remind them that their writing project was practice for writing the long answer for part II of the test.

3. Point out that question #1 asks about clarifying strategies.

4. Ask students to identify key words or phrases in question #1.

5. Introduce the text that students will read. Tell what it is about, but do not give additional information or details.

Today you will read about what happens to the Muldie brothers.
Teamwork

Team Discussion

1. Pass out a colored pen to each student.
2. Explain or review, if necessary, the student routine for team discussions after the test.
3. Have teams discuss their answers to the test questions. As you monitor team discussions, ask additional questions to prompt their thinking about the important ideas in the reading and about the skills and strategies that they have been using.

Class Discussion

Lightning Round

1. Use Random Reporter to have teams share team discussions of the test questions and explain their thinking.
2. Award team celebration points.
3. Collect test answers. Score original answers, and add extra points for improved answers.

Celebrate

1. Tally the team scores on the poster, and celebrate teams that are accumulating points. Have teams reflect on the following questions:
   - How many points did your team earn today?
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   • Something to cheer about: Choose a behavior or learning outcome that you would like to reinforce, and reward that behavior by asking students to lead a cheer of their choice.

2. As a reminder, refer students to the Read and Respond homework assignment described in their student editions.
Part I. Comprehension (100 points)
1. What word from today’s reading did you clarify? How did you figure it out? [CV]
   20 points = I didn’t understand what deer trail meant on page 56. I thought about the context clues. Daddy sent the boys a map, and it had said to follow the deer trail. When I looked at the drawing on the page, I saw a path in the grass leading away from the river. That helped me to figure out that a deer trail is a path that deer have made to and from the river. This helped me understand that the boys needed to look for clues in nature to find their new home.

   15 points = I didn’t understand what deer trail meant on page 56. I thought about the context clues. When I looked at the drawing on the page, I saw a path in the grass leading away from the river. A deer trail is a path that deer have made to and from the river.

   10 points = I didn’t understand what deer trail meant on page 56.

2. What had Daddy been doing since he was gone? [MI, RE, SA]
   A. delivering letters as a post rider
   B. building a house and growing a garden
   C. digging for gold and riding the railroad
   D. working with the Osage Indian tribe

   What evidence supports your answer?

   20 points = I know because when they arrive the boys see what their father has done. The text states that when the boys arrive at the place their father told them about, they see a little house that he has built out of wood and a garden with corn that he has planted growing in it. This shows me that their father has been gone a long time, because it would take a lot of time to build a house by oneself.

   15 points = I know because when they get there the boys see what their father has done. They see the house that Daddy built and the garden he planted.

   10 points = I know because when they get there the boys see what their father has done.
3. How did the brothers know how to find their father? Explain, using support from the text. [RE, SA]

20 points = The brothers knew how to find their father because they followed his directions and a map. The text said that their father had sent them a letter. He included a map with directions for how to find him. They followed his directions closely for twenty-two days to find him and their new home.

15 points = The brothers knew how to find their father because they used his directions and a map. Their father had sent them a letter and a map with directions for how to find him.

10 points = The brothers knew how to find their father because they used his directions and a map.

4. On page 60, Johnny thought, “I bet they heard us all the way back in Nicodemus!” What does he mean by this? Explain, using support from the text. [RE, SA]

20 points = Johnny means that they are so excited to see each other, they are really loud. The text explains that when Daddy sees them, he begins to run toward them. There was a lot of hugging, kissing, talking, crying, laughing, and singing. Since they hadn’t seen each other in months, they were very happy to see each other.

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10 points = Johnny means that they are so happy to see each other, they are really loud.

5. Do you think Daddy thought the boys would make it to the little house? Why or why not? Support your answer with information from the text. [DC, SA]

20 points = Yes, I think Daddy thought the boys would make it to the little house because he believed they could do it. The text says that in the letter Daddy sent to the boys, he told them that he knew they could do it. He said that they were his “fine, big boys” and that they should take the map and come to him. He knew they could follow his directions and take care of themselves.

15 points = Yes, I think Daddy thought the boys would make it to the little house because he believed they could do it. Daddy had sent the boys a letter and told them they could do it. He said that they were his “fine, big boys.”

10 points = Yes, I think Daddy thought the boys would make it to the little house because he believed they could do it.
Part II. Writing (100 points)

Write at least one paragraph to answer the following question:

Do you think their father did the right thing by leaving the three brothers alone? Why or why not? Support your point with words and phrases from the text.

Yes, I think the father did the right thing by leaving the three brothers alone because they would be safe in Nicodemus. In the text, their father tells the boys that they should stay in Nicodemus because they have shelter and friends there. Their father was probably afraid to take the boys out to the open land because they will have no shelter and he does not know where he is going yet. The text said that they had heard stories of Indians, and they were all very scared when the Indians arrived in Nicodemus. By staying in Nicodemus, the boys also would have food. If they had gone with their father, there might not have been enough food for all of them. Also, the father could spend his time building the house and getting ready for them to arrive. If the boys had gone with him, he might not have been able to build the house as quickly and plant the garden.

The following guide is used to score part II of the cycle test.

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Part III. Vocabulary (100 points)

1. Write a meaningful sentence using the word *prairie*. [CV]
   
   *Accept responses that show the student knows the meaning of the word and can use it correctly. For example: There is a lot of prairie land out in the Midwest, where it is flat and grassy.*

2. My brother wants to go to school to be a ________ because he likes to make things out of wood, like bookshelves and cabinets.

   Choose the word that belongs in the blank. [CV]
   
   A. prairie
   B. shelter
   C. carpenter
   D. dugout

3. Write a meaningful sentence using the word *supply*. [CV]

   *Accept responses that show the student knows the meaning of the word and can use it correctly. For example: Our teacher had to restock our supply of pencils after the first month of school.*

4. The weather forecaster said that people in the path of the storm should find ________ quickly so they would remain safe in case of a tornado.

   Choose the word that belongs in the blank. [CV]
   
   A. shipment
   B. shuttle
   C. shoulder
   D. shelter

5. Write a meaningful sentence using the word *toward*. [CV]

   *Accept responses that show the student knows the meaning of the word and can use it correctly. For example: We started walking toward the stadium so we could take our seats before the start of the football game.*

6. Our dog had created a huge ________ in the side of the hill where he could go for shade when it was hot.

   Choose the word that belongs in the blank. [CV]
   
   A. dugout
   B. fire
   C. toward
   D. carpenter
7. Write a meaningful sentence for the word *saddlebag*. \[CV\]

.Accept responses that show the student knows the meaning of the word and can use it correctly. For example: The lady in the museum showed us a saddlebag from a cavalry officer in the Civil War.

8. To keep the wild animals away at night, Johnny and Willie would _______ the gun into the air sometimes.

Choose the word that belongs in the blank. \[CV\]

A. dugout  
B. fire  
C. shelter  
D. prairie

Write each compound word on your paper. Write the two words that make up the compound word, and then write a definition for the compound word. \[CV\] (word power)

9. rattlesnake  
   *rattle + snake; a snake that makes a rattling sound*

10. firewood  
   *fire + wood; firewood, wood used for a fire*

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Lesson 7

**Reading Objective:** Use other words and phrases in the text to clarify the meaning of difficult words.

**Teacher Background**
During Class Discussion, students orally present evaluations of their homework reading selections. During Teamwork, students use their Read and Respond notes and answers to the homework questions to make final preparations for these presentations. Team members share their responses and give one another feedback. During the oral presentations, students use their revised responses to the questions to describe the kind of texts they read, the strategies that helped them understand the text, and whether they will recommend their reading selections to others.

**Active Instruction**

(20 minutes)

**Two-Minute Edit**
1. Display and have students complete the Two-Minute Edit as they arrive for class.
2. Use **Random Reporter** to check corrections. Award team celebration points.

**Vocabulary**
Ask teams if they have a Vocabulary Vault word that they would like to share. Award team celebration points.

**Set the Stage**
1. Ask students to review their team’s goal for this cycle and assess their progress.
2. Review the Team Celebration Points poster, and challenge teams to build on their successes.
3. Have students get out their reading selections and Read and Respond forms. Remind them that today, with the help of their teams, they will each prepare a presentation about their individual reading selections.

   Challenge students to think about the strategies and skills that they used to read their self-selected texts, share their answers to the Read and Respond questions, discuss their thinking, and prepare evaluations of their selections.

4. Remind students to add to the notes on their Read and Respond forms as they discuss their selections and prepare oral presentations about their selections. Students will use their answers to the questions on the Read and Respond form as the basis for their presentations.
Teamwork

(25 minutes)

Team Discussion

1. Tell students that they will use the Read and Respond questions as a guide as they discuss their homework reading and prepare evaluations of their reading selections to share with their teams.

2. As students prepare their answers, check in with those students for whom you do not have written Team Talk responses and/or a fluency score. Have them show you examples from the cycle. Point out areas of success, and give feedback to improve student performance.

3. As you visit teams, take this opportunity to check students’ homework for completion (Read and Respond forms). Enter the information on your teacher cycle record form.

Teacher’s Note:

Have students who are ready for a new selection take turns choosing reading material from the classroom library. Make sure that every student has a Read and Respond form for next cycle.

Read and Respond Questions

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Class Discussion

(15 minutes)

Lightning Round

Use Random Reporter to have students present their evaluations of their homework reading selections (responses to the Read and Respond questions). Use rubrics to evaluate responses, give specific feedback, and award points.

Celebrate

1. Tally up this cycle’s points on the poster.
2. Tell students that their scored tests will be returned at the beginning of the next lesson. Poster points and the teams’ test scores will determine which teams earn the status of super team, great team, or good team for the cycle.
3. Be sure to record each team’s total celebration points from the poster into the teacher cycle record form. Remind students that team celebration points and team test averages are used to determine team scores.
4. Collect students’ Read and Respond forms, and pass out new forms.
5. Tally up the number of Read and Respond signatures on students’ forms, and record the number on the teacher cycle record form after class.
Lesson 8

**Objectives:** Celebrate successes, and set new goals. Hold a Class Council meeting.

**Teacher Background**

In the first part of this lesson, students review their test results and their final scores for the cycle and compare them with their goals. They celebrate success and set new objectives for further improvement.

In the second part of the lesson, students participate in Class Council.

### Active Instruction

(2 minutes)

**Two-Minute Edit**

1. Display and have students complete the Two-Minute Edit as they arrive for class.
2. Use Random Reporter to check corrections. Award team celebration points.

### Celebrate/Set Goals

(20 minutes)

1. Distribute students’ scored cycle tests. Allow a few moments for students to review them.
2. Distribute team score sheets to teams and celebration certificates to students. Remind students that the cycle’s top-scoring teams are determined by their points on the poster and their test scores.
3. Recognize and celebrate the super, great, and good teams. Remind the teams of the impact of bonus points that are added to team members’ cycle scores.
4. Have each team discuss and set a goal for the next cycle and record it on their team score sheet. Use the questions below to analyze and discuss the students’ scores.

   - What was your team’s highest score?
   - What score do you want to improve?
   - What can the team do to improve that score?

   Use Random Reporter to ask:

   - What is your team’s goal for the next cycle? Why did you choose that goal?

   *Accept supported answers.*
5. Use the poster to award team celebration points for responses that include the team’s reasons for choosing the goal, thus beginning the accumulation of points for the next cycle.

6. Have students record their cycle test scores and their areas of greatest strength and improvement on their progress charts.

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**Class Council**

(30 minutes)

1. Share class compliments.

2. Review the class goal that was set at the last Class Council. Using the agreed-upon measure of progress, was the goal met? Why or why not?

3. Discuss a class concern, or use the scenario and discussion hints provided.

4. Have teams discuss and then use Random Reporter to share responses.

5. After debriefing how they resolved the problem, help students set a goal and a measure of progress that they can use at the next Class Council.

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**Brain Game**

(5 minutes)

1. Choose a brain game from the card set, and then play the game.

2. Use the following questions to debrief and remind students of self-regulatory strategies:

   - **What did this game require your brain to do?**
   - **How will use of this skill improve your success in other classes?**
Lesson 1

Reading Objective: Use other words and phrases in the text to clarify the meaning of difficult words.

Teacher Background

Today's reading describes the life of Pocahontas before the arrival of the English settlers. It also provides information about the first events after the arrival of the settlers and their relations with the Powhatans. Captain John Smith is taken to Chief Powhatan.

Active Instruction

(22 minutes)

Big Question

Post and present this cycle's Big Question. Have students write a response to the question as they arrive for class.

The Big Question: Have you ever heard of Pocahontas? What do you know about her life?

Set the Stage

1. Refer students to today's Big Question. Use Think-Pair-Share to ask:

   Have you ever heard of Pocahontas? What do you know about her life?

   (Answers will vary.) I saw a movie about Pocahontas, and I know that Pocahontas was an Indian princess who helped the people who came over from England and settled in North America.

   Explain to students that in this cycle they will read about Pocahontas and her life.

2. Ask students to review their cycle goal. Remind students how to earn team celebration points. Remind them that team celebration points help them to become super teams. Tell them that they can earn team celebration points during the Lightning Round.

3. Introduce the text, author, and reading objective.

4. Distribute copies of The True Story of Pocahontas. Have students preview the text. Use Think-Pair-Share to ask:

   Is this literature or informational text? How do you know?

   The text is literature. Students will cite evidence that the text is literature such as the use of the words novel, stories, the story of, etc. in the subtitle or blurb on the back of the book.
After previewing *The True Story of Pocahontas*, what do you think the book will be about? Explain the clues that you used to make this prediction.

(Accept reasonable responses.) I think this book is about a young Indian girl named Pocahontas and what happens when white settlers arrive in America. The cover of the text shows a young girl dancing. She is probably Pocahontas. Other pictures show white settlers talking with the Indians, and sometimes they are fighting.

Use **Think-Pair-Share** to ask:

**In what ways have Native Americans added to our culture?**

(Answers will vary.) Native Americans have added to our culture by teaching the settlers how to grow crops like corn and potatoes, teaching them to raise livestock like turkeys, introducing us to lacrosse and snowshoes, and creating beautiful crafts and masks for us to look at.

### Interactive Read Aloud

1. Read page 4 aloud, stopping at the word *Powhatans*.

2. Use **Think-Pair-Share** to ask:

   **I’m not sure I know what the word *Powhatans* means or refers to. What should I do to clarify this word?**

   You should look at the illustrations, chapter titles, and words and phrases around the word to help you to clarify it. Using these context clues will help you to see that *Powhatans* is the name of the Indian tribe that Pocahontas belongs to. Powhatan is the chief of the tribe, so it might be named after him.

3. Read the rest of pages 4 and 5 aloud. Use **Think-Pair-Share** to ask:

   **What have we learned on these two pages?**

   We learned that Pocahontas is the daughter of an Indian chief named Powhatan, and that they belong to the Powhatan tribe. Also, Pocahontas is her father’s favorite, and she has more than a hundred brothers and sisters.

   **What do you think it means when it says that Pocahontas has a secret name?**

   *I think it means this is the nickname that maybe only her father calls her.*
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**Partner pairs:** Identify important events or details to add to the graphic organizer.
Teamwork 
(20 minutes)

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3. Preview the Team Talk questions. If necessary, ask questions to guide students’ reflection as they determine the meaning of the “(Write)” question.

Team Talk Questions

1. What word did your team clarify? How did you figure it out? (Write) [CV]

100 = A word we clarified was beads. We looked for context clues to help us figure out what the word meant. In the drawing on page 10, I see an Indian woman looking at colorful round objects in her hand. These must be the glass beads they traded corn for. This helped us figure out what the Indians and new settlers traded when they met.

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Team Talk Questions continued

2. On page 9, what is a man doing when he points a big stick and smoke and fire shoot out of it? Explain, using support from the text. [DC, RE, SA]
   (Team Talk rubric)
   100 = A man is firing a gun to hunt. After a man points the big stick, there is a loud “Boom! Boom!” I know that when guns are fired, they make loud booming sounds. A bird also falls out of the tree, dead. The Indians wonder if it is magic because they have never seen anything like that before.
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3. Why can’t the Englishmen leave their fort? Explain. [DC, RE, SA]
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4. Have students thoroughly discuss Team Talk questions before they write individual answers to the skill question marked “(Write).” Allow students to revise their written answers after further discussion if necessary.

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Randomly select team representatives who will share:
- strategy use
- oral and written Team Talk responses
- fluency selection

Lightning Round
1. Use Random Reporter to have teams share strategy use, oral and written Team Talk responses, and fluency. Ask other teams to agree, disagree, or add on to responses.
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Celebrate
1. Tally the team scores on the poster, and celebrate teams that are accumulating points. Have teams reflect on the following questions:
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- Something to cheer about: Choose a behavior or learning outcome that you would like to reinforce, and reward that behavior by asking students to lead a cheer of their choice.
2. As a reminder, refer students to the Read and Respond homework assignment described in their student editions.
Lesson 2

**Reading Objective:** Use other words and phrases in the text to clarify the meaning of difficult words.

**Word Power Objective:** Break words into base words and endings to increase understanding of words.

**Teacher Background**

Today students will read about Captain John Smith, who is a leader of the Englishmen. After Captain Smith falls into an icy swamp, he is rescued by the Powhatans and taken to the Chief's house. Captain Smith is served a feast, but then ambushed by the Indians. Pocahontas saves Captain Smith's life when she rushes to him and holds his head. Pocahontas and Captain Smith develop a friendship, and she visits the English settlement, Jamestown, frequently.

**Active Instruction** (25 minutes)

### Partner Vocabulary Study

1. Display the vocabulary words. Have students use the vocabulary study routine as they copy the words in their journals and rate their knowledge of each as they arrive for class.

2. Spot-check the Read and Respond homework.

### Vocabulary

1. Have teams discuss their ratings of the words. Ask teams to make a tent with their hands when they are ready to tell a word the entire team rated with a “+” and a word the entire team rated with a “?.”

2. Use Random Reporter to have the teams share one word that they know and one word that they need to study further. Award team celebration points.

3. Introduce the vocabulary for this cycle. Read each word aloud, and model chunking as needed. Then read the meaning of each word.

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4. Use **Random Reporter** to have teams share a new sentence that uses one of their vocabulary words. Award team celebration points.

5. Remind teams that if they find a word from the vocabulary list used in another place, such as in a magazine, textbook, TV ad, etc., they can bring in or copy the sentence in which the word was used and put it in the Vocabulary Vault to earn team points.

6. Introduce the word power skill (base word and ending). Link the skill to the Word Treasure clue for base word and ending.

7. Display the clue.

   **This cycle we will identify base words that have endings added to them. Sometimes when you can’t figure out a word or its meaning, it helps to see if there is a base word in it that you recognize. Then you can think about what the word means when an ending is added to it. The Word Treasure clue we use to remind us of base word and ending is a boat with a big sail and a little sail. This reminds us that we will look for a base word to put in the big sail, and an ending to put in the little sail.**
8. Write the word *leaving* on the bottom of the boat. Use a Think Aloud to model identifying the base word and ending.

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Point out that when the ending *-ing* is added to the word *leave*, the *e* on the end of the word is scrubbed off. Sometimes, when an ending is added to a word, the *e* on the end of the word is removed.

9. Point out that a letter or group of letters that comes at the end of a word changes the word meaning or changes the word’s part of speech.

Tell students the ending *-ing* means happening in the present. Explain that adding *-ing* to the verb *leave* makes it a verb happening in the present—in the process of, or act of going from one place to another.
10. Display the word walking. Use **Think-Pair-Share** to ask:

**What is the base word and ending? What does the word mean?**

*The base word is walk, and the ending is -ing. The word means moving from one place to another by moving your feet and legs in a forward motion.*

11. Reveal the Word Treasure (skill).

| **Word Treasure** | Some base words have additional endings. If you’re having trouble reading these words, first read the base word, next read the ending, then read the whole word. |

12. Tell students they will also focus on two other endings this cycle: -ed, which makes the base word past tense, and -s, which also indicates present tense, or makes nouns plural.

13. Tell students that they will practice knowing the meanings of the vocabulary words and the Word Power skill during Team Talk in preparation for the test.

**Set the Stage**

1. Ask students to review their team’s goal for this cycle and assess their progress.
2. Review the Team Celebration Points poster, and challenge teams to build on their successes.
3. Remind students of the text, author, and reading objective.
4. Have teams review their notes, summarize story events, ask questions about the text, and make some predictions. Use **Random Reporter** to have teams share their discussions.

**Interactive Read Aloud**

1. Read page 12 aloud, stopping at the word guide.
2. Use **Think-Pair-Share** to ask:

   *I’m not sure what the word guide means. What should I do to help me clarify this word?*

   *You should look at the illustrations, titles, captions, and words around that word to see if the context clues will help you to figure out what the word means. The text says that John Smith had a Powhatan Indian with him as a guide when he went hunting. I think he was hoping the Powhatan would show him through the forest. I know the Indians have lived there for a long time, while John Smith is new and does not know his way. A guide must be someone who knows the way.*

3. Use **Think-Pair-Share** to ask:

   *What information should we record in our notes from this section of the text?*
We should record information about Captain John Smith, and that the setting for this part of the story is in the woods. The events that happen are Captain Smith and his guide are shot at while hunting, and Captain Smith falls into an icy swamp.

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Settlers from England arrive in the Americas. At first the Powhatans and English trade food and goods. Captain Smith and his Powhatan guide go hunting, arrows are shot at them, Captain Smith falls into an icy swamp.

**Solution:**
Teamwork

(20 minutes)

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   90 = We clarified the word warriors on page 18. We looked for context clues to help us figure out what the word meant. In the drawing on page 19, I see two Indian men holding clubs in their hands. These men must be the warriors.

   80 = We clarified the word warriors on page 18.

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2. How does the text make the events in this section of text seem surprising? Explain. [RE, DC, SA] (Team Talk rubric)

100 = The events in this part of the text are surprising for a few reasons. First, when Captain Smith gets to the Chief’s house, the Queen brings him water to wash his hands and feathers to dry them. They have a feast. Then the Chief signals the warriors to attack Captain Smith. So, it seems strange that they would treat him like a guest, but then attack him with clubs.

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4. Choose a word from the vocabulary list, and write a meaningful sentence using it correctly. [CV]

Accept a sentence that shows the student knows the meaning of the word and can use it correctly. For example: When the street flooded, the cobblestones were covered over with water and some became loose.

5. Write the base word and ending for the following word, and then write a definition for the word. Use the scrubber to remove extra letters if needed. [CV] (word power)

explaining

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Lesson 3

Reading Objective: Use other words and phrases in the text to clarify the meaning of difficult words.

Word Power Objective: Break words into base words and endings to increase understanding of words.

Teacher Background

Today students will read about the gifts King James and Chief Powhatan exchange. Captain John Smith returns to England after he is badly burned when a gunpowder box explodes. After Captain Smith leaves, the fighting between the English settlers and Powhatan Indians increases. Pocahontas is captured by English Captain Samuel Argall.

Teacher’s Note:

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Active Instruction

(15–25 minutes)

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Vocabulary

1. Have teams discuss their ratings of the words. Ask teams to make a tent with their hands when they are ready to tell a word the entire team rated with a “+” and a word the entire team rated with a “?”

2. Use Random Reporter to have the teams share one word that they know and one word that they need to study further. Use Random Reporter to have teams report on a new sentence using a vocabulary word. Award team celebration points.

3. Remind teams that if they find a word from the vocabulary list used in another place, such as in a magazine, textbook, TV ad, etc., they can bring in or copy the sentence in which the word was used and put it in the Vocabulary Vault to earn team points.

4. Remind students of the word power skill (base word and ending) and the Word Treasure clue for base word and ending (sailboat with large sail and small sail).
5. Review the endings students are working with in this cycle: -ing, -ed, and -s. Use Think-Pair-Share to ask:

**Which vocabulary words from your list have these endings?**

The words stumbles, decorated, cobblestones, and curling.

**How would you break each of these words down into their base word and ending? How would you define them?**

Stumbles = stumble + s; to trip or fall right now

Decorated = decorate + ed; made more attractive in the past

Cobblestones = cobblestone + s; more than one cobblestone

Curling = curl + ing; twisting or twirling

Point out, if necessary, that when the ending -ed was added to the word decorate, the e on the end of the word was scrubbed to add the ending.

6. Tell students that they will practice knowing the meanings of the vocabulary words and the word power skill during Team Talk in preparation for the test.

**Set the Stage**

1. Ask students to review their team’s goal for this cycle and assess their progress.

2. Review the Team Celebration Points poster, and challenge teams to build on their successes.

3. Remind students of the text, author, and reading objective.

4. Have teams review their notes, summarize story events, ask questions about the text, and make some predictions. Use Random Reporter to have teams share their discussions.

**Interactive Read Aloud**

1. Read page 22 aloud, stopping after the word Englishmen.

2. Use Think-Pair-Share to ask:

   **I want to make sure I know who the text is referring to as Englishmen. What should I do to help clarify this word?**

   You use the words around the word to see if that helps to clarify it. You can also use the pictures, chapter titles, and the information you learned from the rest of the text. On page 21, the text says that Pocahontas wants to talk to her English friends. The illustration shows Pocahontas talking to two girls and a boy from the settlement. They are wearing clothes that show they are settlers. This tells me that Englishmen means the English settlers who are living in Jamestown.

3. Read the rest of pages 22 and 23 aloud.
4. Use **Think-Pair-Share** to ask:

**What important information from this section of text should be added to our notes?**

*We should add that Captain Smith gets into another fight with the Powhatan Indians and takes seven of them prisoner. Also, that Captain Smith agrees to let them go because Pocahontas has helped them so much.*

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**Sample Graphic Organizer**

**Title:** The True Story of Pocahontas

**Characters:**
- Pocahontas
- Captain John Smith

**Setting:**
- Where: Powhatan Indian village, woods, Jamestown
- When:

**Problem:**
The Powhatans and English settlers do not always get along.

**Event:**
- Settlers from England arrive in the Americas. At first, the Powhatans and English trade food and goods.
- Captain Smith and Powhatan guide go hunting, arrows are shot at them.
- Captain Smith falls into an icy swamp.
- Captain Smith is taken to the Powhatan village and is treated as a guest. Then he is attacked by Powhatan warriors. Pocahontas saves Captain Smith from being killed.
- Captain Smith is in another fight and captures 7 Powhatan Indians.
- He agrees to let them go because Pocahontas.

**Solution:**
Teamwork

(20–30 minutes)

Partner Prep
1. Explain, or review if necessary, the student routines for partner reading and
   fluency before having students read and restate: pages 24–33 aloud with partners.
   (if skipping Interactive Read Aloud, pages 22–33)

2. Circulate and check for comprehension, evidence of strategy use, and notes
   about story elements on the graphic organizer. Give students feedback. Prompt
   and reinforce their discussions.

3. If some partners finish ahead of their teammates, have them begin looking over
   the Team Talk questions.

Team Discussion
1. Explain, or review if necessary, how to use role cards and the student routines
   for strategy use and Team Talk discussion.

2. Remind students to use the rubrics on their team folders to prepare each
   team member to discuss the team’s strategy use, oral and written Team Talk
   responses, and fluency. Tell students that they should also be ready to share
   notes they added on the graphic organizer.

3. Preview the Team Talk questions. If necessary, ask questions to guide students’
   reflection as they determine the meaning of the “(Write)” question.

Team Talk Questions

| 1. What word did your team clarify? How did you figure it out? (Write) [CV] |
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| (strategy-use rubric) | (strategy-use rubric) |
| 100 = Our team clarified the word cloak. We used context clues like the words bright and red to help us clarify the word cloak. We looked at the picture and saw that the bright red cloak is like a long coat. Using the context clues helped us to see that King James sent the Chief a long, fancy red coat that made him look like a king. |
| 90 = Our team clarified the word cloak. We used context clues like the words bright and red to help us clarify the word cloak. We looked at the picture and saw that the bright red cloak is like a long coat. |
| 80 = Our team clarified the word cloak. |

continued
2. On page 23, what does Captain Smith mean when he says, “I will let them go for your sake”? Explain, using support from the text in your answer. [DC, MI, SA] (Team Talk rubric)

100 = Captain Smith means that he will let the Indians go for Pocahontas. In the text, it says that Pocahontas had been a good friend to the English people. She kept them from starving. This shows that Captain Smith wants to stay friendly with Pocahontas and the Powhatans.

90 = Captain Smith means that he will let the Indians go for Pocahontas. Pocahontas had been a good friend to the English people. She kept them from going hungry.

80 = Captain Smith means that he will let the Indians go for Pocahontas.

3. Why do you think it was hard work to drag the presents through the woods? Explain. [DC, SA] (Team Talk rubric)

100 = It was hard work to drag the presents through the woods since the presents were so heavy. The text says that King James sent the Chief a copper crown, rings, a big cloak, a basin and pitcher, and a big bed with a canopy. That would make the presents very hard to drag through the woods.

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4. What is a synonym for the word stumbles? What is an antonym for the word stumbles? [CV]

(Accept reasonable responses.) A synonym for stumbles is falls. An antonym for stumbles is keeps balanced.

5. Write the base word and ending for the following word, and then write a definition for the word. Use the scrubber to remove extra letters if needed. [CV] (word power)

exploring

exploring + ing; searching or looking through a new area

4. Have students thoroughly discuss Team Talk questions before they write individual answers to the skill question marked “(Write).” Allow students to revise their written answers after further discussion if necessary.

5. Prompt teams to discuss comprehension problems and strategy use (their sticky notes) and important ideas that they added to their graphic organizers.

6. Circulate and give feedback to teams and students. Use rubrics to give specific feedback. Ask questions to encourage further discussion. Record individual scores on the teacher cycle record form.

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8. Award team celebration points for good team discussions that demonstrate 100-point responses.
Class Discussion
(20 minutes)

Lightning Round
1. Use Random Reporter to have teams share strategy use, oral and written Team Talk responses, and fluency. Ask other teams to agree, disagree, or add on to responses.
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1. Tally the team scores on the poster, and celebrate teams that are accumulating points. Have teams reflect on the following questions:
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2. As a reminder, refer students to the Read and Respond homework assignment described in their student editions.

Randomly select team representatives who will share:
- strategy use
- oral and written Team Talk responses
- fluency selection

Celebrate team successes!

The top team chooses a cheer.

Remind students of the Read and Respond homework assignment.
Lesson 4

**Reading Objective:** Choose other words and phrases in the text to clarify the meaning of difficult words.

**Word Power Objective:** Break words into base words and endings to increase understanding of words.

**Teacher Background**

In today’s reading, students learn that while Pocahontas is held captive by the English, she becomes a Christian and is given the name “Rebecca.” She also meets John Rolfe, a tobacco planter, and they marry in Jamestown. After their son, Thomas, is born, the Rolfes go to England to live.

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**Active Instruction**

(15–25 minutes)

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4. Remind students of the word power skill (base word and ending) and the Word Treasure clue for base word and ending (sailboat with big sail and little sail).

Students use the vocabulary study routine to rate their knowledge of each vocabulary word:

- + I know this word and can use it.
- ✔ This word looks familiar; it has something to do with...
- ? I don’t know this word; it’s totally new to me.

Teams discuss their vocabulary ratings.

Review Vocabulary Vault.

Review the word power skill.
5. Use **Think-Pair-Share** to ask:

*Why do you think you should learn about base word and endings?*

*(Answers may vary.)* Knowing about base word and endings can help me pronounce the words more easily.

6. Direct students’ attention to the Word Power Challenge. Have students work in teams to read the underlined words and give a meaning for each word. If necessary, have students use the sail clues and identify the base word and ending.

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7. Use **Random Reporter** to have students identify the base word, ending, and meaning.

- threads = *thread* + *s*; more than one thread;
- acting = *act* + *ing*; performing or pretending

8. Tell students that they will practice knowing the meanings of the vocabulary words and the word power skill during Team Talk in preparation for the test.

### Set the Stage

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4. Have teams review their notes, summarize story events, ask questions about the text, and make some predictions. Use **Random Reporter** to have teams share their discussions.

### Interactive Read Aloud

1. Read page 34 aloud, stopping after the word *peace*.

2. Use **Think-Pair-Share** to ask:

   *I’m not sure that I understand what the phrase *make peace* means. What should I do to help me to clarify this?*

   You can use the drawings and the information from the rest of the text to help you to figure out what it means. From the text, I know that the Powhatans and Englishmen were fighting more and more. Captain Argall captures Pocahontas because he wants the Indians to leave them alone and stop fighting them. This helps me to see that *make peace* refers to the Englishmen and Indians not fighting anymore and having a peace agreement to stop the violence between them.
3. Continue reading pages 34 and page 35 aloud.

Use **Think-Pair-Share** to ask:

**What information from this section of text should be added to our notes?**

*We should add that Captain Argall demands that Chief Powhatan make peace with the settlers and send them corn for Pocahontas’ return. Also, that Chief Powhatan is very angry and refuses.*

### Sample Graphic Organizer

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**Solution:**

*Partner pairs: Identify important events or details to add to the graphic organizer.*
Use Context Clues

Teamwork (20–30 minutes)

Partner Prep
1. Explain, or review if necessary, the student routines for partner reading and fluency before having students read and restate: pages 36–42 aloud with partners.
   (if skipping Interactive Read Aloud, pages 34–42)
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Cue students to use their student routines for partner reading and fluency.

Cue students to use their student routines for strategy use and Team Talk discussion.
Team Talk Questions continued

2. Why didn’t Tomocomo notch the stick as Chief Powhatan asked him to do? Explain, using support from the text. [DC, RE, SA] (Team Talk rubric)
   100 = Tomocomo didn’t notch the stick because there were too many people in England. Chief Powhatan gave Tomocomo the stick and instructed him to notch it each time he saw an Englishman. But Tomocomo threw away the stick because there were thousands of people. There were more Englishmen than either he or Chief Powhatan could count.
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3. How is England different than what Pocahontas is used to? Explain, using support from the text. [RE, SA] (Team Talk rubric)
   100 = England looks very different from her home in America. She can’t see the trees and sky like she could at home. The air is dark and smoky. England seems dirty and less fresh than America.
   90 = England looks different from her home in America. She can’t see the trees and sky like she could at home. The air is dark and full of smoke.
   80 = England looks different from her home in America.

4. What word from the vocabulary list belongs in the blank? How do you know? [CV]
   My sister and I ________ the house with balloons and streamers for my mother’s birthday.
   Decorated, because the sentence is talking about putting balloons and streamers up for a birthday party, and I know that balloons and streamers make a house look nice.

5. Write the base word and ending for the following word, and then write a definition for the word. Use the scrubber to remove extra letters if needed. [CV] (word power)
   introduced
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   Remind students that top-scoring teams will earn bonus points that will be added to their cycle scores.

   - **Something to cheer about:** Choose a behavior or learning outcome that you would like to reinforce, and reward that behavior by asking students to lead a cheer of their choice.

2. As a reminder, refer students to the Read and Respond homework assignment described in their student editions.
Lesson 5

**Writing Objective:** Choose words and phrases from the text that support your point.

**Teacher Background**

Today students will choose words and phrases from the text that support their point. This skill is important for students to provide evidence for their thinking and to support their positions on topics.

**Active Instruction**

(10 minutes)

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**Set the Stage**

1. Ask students to review their team’s goal for this cycle and assess their progress.

2. Review the Team Celebration Points poster, and challenge teams to build on their successes.

3. Remind students of the text, author, and writing objective.

4. Tell students that they will use specific words and phrases from the text to support their points in their writing. Explain to students that this task aligns with their reading objective of clarifying, as students will clarify and support their thinking with examples from the text.
5. Refer students to the following writing prompt in their student editions. Read the writing prompt aloud.

**Writing Prompt**

On page 23, the text says that “Pocahontas has been a good friend to the English people.” How was Pocahontas a good friend to the English people? Explain, using support from the text.

Use **Think-Pair-Share** to ask:

**Read the prompt. What is it asking you to do: support a claim with reasons, explain ideas or information on a topic, or write a literary response? How do you know?**

*It is asking me to write a literary response. I know because I have to make a point about a character.*

6. Refer students to the following writer’s guide in their student editions. Point out that the writer’s guide for writing a literary response is the criteria for writing. Point out that using the writer’s guide will help them write a quality response.

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Briefly review the guide, noting the four aspects of writing: ideas, organization, style, and mechanics.

Use **Think-Pair-Share** to ask:

**Which guideline relates to our writing objective: choose words and phrases from the text that support your point?**

*Style, because we need to choose words and phrases to support our point.*

7. Tell students that this 10-minute writing project is practice to prepare them to write a quality answer for the writing section (part II) of the cycle test. Remind them that this section of the test is worth one third of their test score.
Model a Skill

1. Remind students that the first step in the writing process is planning, or prewriting. Model using the following graphic organizer to support the point. Explain that planning helps them organize their ideas, support their thoughts, and makes drafting easier.

2. Explain to students that they will practice choosing words and phrases from the text to support the point that Pocahontas has been a good friend to the English people. Then model finding words and phrases from the text.

I am skimming through the text to find ways that Pocahontas has been a good friend to the English people. OK, I see on page 19 that Pocahontas saves Captain Smith’s life. That helps the English people because he is their leader, and they need him in Jamestown to help them survive. I will add that to my graphic organizer as proof that Pocahontas has been a good friend to the English people.

Tell students that they should skim the text to find additional proof to add to their graphic organizer.
Independent Work

Tell students that they have 10 minutes to plan and write drafts of their responses to the writing prompt. Remind them to write on every other line to leave room for revisions. Suggest that they refer to the writing prompt to be sure that they include all the required elements and to the writer’s guide to check the quality of their response.

Team Discussion

1. Refer students to the peer feedback checklist in their student editions, and review how to get/give feedback.
2. Have students share their drafts in teams. Allow 5 minutes for students to revise their writing projects based on feedback and to edit them using the editing checklist in their student editions.
3. Have teams put their writing projects in a pile in the middle of their tables so a writing project can be randomly selected.

Class Discussion

Lightning Round

Randomly select a writing project from one or two teams’ piles without revealing their authors. Display a writing project, and read it aloud.

Refer students to the writer’s guide for writing a literary response and the writing objective—choose words and phrases from the text that support your point.

Using the writer’s guide, discuss and evaluate the selected writing project(s) with the class.

For example, ask:

- Does the writer introduce the topic clearly?
- Does the writer include facts and examples to help a reader understand the information?
- Does the writer end with a closing statement that supports the information?
- Does the writer use appropriate academic language and full sentences?

Award points to teams whose writing projects meet the criteria. Record these points on the team poster.
Reflection on Writing

Have students reflect on their use of the writing process. Ask:

How did creating and using a graphic organizer work for you? How did it help you write your draft?

*Answers will vary.*

What was the most useful feedback that you received? How did it affect your revisions?

*Answers will vary.*

Did you find it easy or difficult to include examples in your writing? Do you think the examples were effective?

*Answers will vary.*

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Lesson 6

| Reading Objective: Use other words and phrases in the text to clarify the meaning of difficult words. |
| Writing Objective: Choose words and phrases from the text that support your point. |
| Word Power Objective: Break words into base words and endings to increase understanding of words. |

Teacher Background

Today’s cycle test challenges students to use other words and phrases in the text to clarify the meaning of difficult words.

Students will read the conclusion of *The True Story of Pocahontas*. In this final section of text, Pocahontas adjusts to living in England. She goes to many parties and is celebrated as the Indian Princess. Pocahontas remains in England for the rest of her life.

Active Instruction

(5 minutes)

Partner Vocabulary Study

1. Display the vocabulary words. Have students use the vocabulary study routine as they rerate their knowledge of each vocabulary word as they arrive for class.

Set the Stage

1. Ask students to review their team’s goal for this cycle and assess their progress.

2. Review the Team Celebration Points poster, and challenge teams to build on their successes.

3. Remind students of the text, author, and reading and writing objectives.

4. Remind teams that if they find a word from the vocabulary list used in another place, such as in a magazine, textbook, TV ad, etc., they can bring in or copy the sentence in which the word was used and put it in the Vocabulary Vault to earn team points.

Students use the vocabulary study routine to rate their knowledge of each vocabulary word:

+ I know this word and can use it.
✓ This word looks familiar; it has something to do with...
?q I don’t know this word; it’s totally new to me.

Teams review their cycle goal.

Post and present the reading and writing objectives.

Review Vocabulary Vault.
Prepare Students for the Test

(5 minutes)

Partner Review

1. Remind students that they have been practicing using other words and phrases in the text to clarify the meaning of difficult words. In writing, students have been choosing words and phrases from the text to support their point.

   Use **Think-Pair-Share** to ask:

   **What can we do if we come to a difficult word in the text?**
   
   *We can use the other words and phrases in the text to help us to clarify the word.*

   **How can choosing words and phrases from the text help us in our writing?**
   
   *It helps us to support our point and gives evidence for our thinking.*

   Tell students that they will use these skills as they take the cycle test.

2. Have partners review their notes for this cycle. Allow 2 or 3 minutes for this activity.

Test Directions

1. Remind students that the test is independent work. Students should not ask their partners for help as they read, but they may use sticky notes if they would like.

2. Distribute the test so students can preview the questions. Point out that some of the test questions are multiple choice for which they will choose the best answer. Other questions require them to write a short answer or create a graphic organizer. Part II of the cycle test requires them to write a long answer. Remind them that their writing project was practice for writing the long answer for part II of the test.

3. Point out that question #1 asks about clarifying strategies.

4. Ask students to identify key words or phrases in question #1.

   1. **What word from today’s reading did you clarify? How did you figure it out?** [CV]

5. Introduce the text that students will read. Tell what it is about, but do not give additional information or details.

   **Today you will read more about Pocahontas’ life in England.**
Test (30 minutes)

1. Tell students that they have 30 minutes for the test and that they may begin. Give students a 5-minute warning before the end of the test.

2. Spot-check the Read and Respond homework.

Teamwork (10 minutes)

Team Discussion

1. Pass out a colored pen to each student.

2. Explain or review, if necessary, the student routine for team discussions after the test.

3. Have teams discuss their answers to the test questions. As you monitor team discussions, ask additional questions to prompt their thinking about the important ideas in the reading and about the skills and strategies that they have been using.

Class Discussion (10 minutes)

Lightning Round

1. Use Random Reporter to have teams share team discussions of the test questions and explain their thinking.

2. Award team celebration points.

3. Collect test answers. Score original answers, and add extra points for improved answers.
Celebrate

1. Tally the team scores on the poster, and celebrate teams that are accumulating points. Have teams reflect on the following questions:

   **How many points did your team earn today?**

   **How can your team earn more points?**

   Remind students that top-scoring teams will earn bonus points that will be added to their cycle scores.

   • Something to cheer about: Choose a behavior or learning outcome that you would like to reinforce, and reward that behavior by asking students to lead a cheer of their choice.

2. As a reminder, refer students to the Read and Respond homework assignment described in their student editions.
Cycle 2 Test

Use Context Clues

Directions: Read The True Story of Pocahontas, pages 43–48, and answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper.

Some of the questions are based on today’s reading, and other questions are about the text that you read in previous lessons. You may refer to your notes from this cycle.

Part I. Comprehension (100 points)

1. What word from today’s reading did you clarify? How did you figure it out? [CV]

20 points = I clarified the word savages on page 46. We figured it out by reading the rest of the text on the page. The text describes how Pocahontas looks and acts. But this is not how the people in England think Indians act. A savage must not stand straight, smile, or speak softly. This helped me understand that people did not think an Indian would behave like Pocahontas does.

15 points = I clarified the word savages on page 46. We figured it out by reading the rest of the text on the page. The text describes how Pocahontas looks and acts. But this is not how the people in England think Indians act. A savage must not stand straight, smile, or speak softly.

10 points = I clarified the word savages on page 46.

2. Why do the English people call Pocahontas the “Indian Princess”? Explain. [DC, SA]

20 points = The English people call Pocahontas the “Indian Princess” because she looks and acts like their idea of a princess. The text says that Pocahontas acts like a princess. She stands straight, smiles, and speaks softly. She is also pretty. She is introduced to the queen. This shows that Pocahontas has made a good impression on the people of England.

15 points = The English people call Pocahontas the “Indian Princess” because she looks and acts like their idea of a princess. Pocahontas acts like a princess. She stands straight, smiles, and speaks softly. She is pretty. She meets the queen.

10 points = The English people call Pocahontas the “Indian Princess” because she looks and acts like their idea of a princess.

3. Why do you think the text says that the people of America will always remember Pocahontas? Explain, using support from the text. [DC, RE, SA]

20 points = I think the text says that the people of America will always remember Pocahontas because she helped the English people in Jamestown greatly. She saved Captain John Smith’s life, and she helped the hungry English people trade with the Powhatans. If Pocahontas hadn’t helped, the people of Jamestown would have starved to death.
15 points = I think the text says that the people of America will always remember Pocahontas because she helped the English people. She saved John Smith’s life. She helped the hungry English people trade with the Powhatans.

10 points = I think the text says that the people of America will always remember Pocahontas because she helped the English people.

4. Do you think it was hard for Pocahontas to adjust to life in England? Why or why not? [DC, RE, SA]

20 points = Yes, I think it was hard for Pocahontas to **adjust** to life in England because it was very **different** than her home. The text says that in England the air is dark and smoky. The streets are full of tall stone houses. At home, Pocahontas could see for miles. The change in **environment** was probably **difficult** for Pocahontas to get used to.

15 points = Yes, I think it was hard for Pocahontas to get used to life in England because it was so different from her home. In England the air is dark and smoky. The streets are full of tall stone houses. At home, Pocahontas could see for miles.

10 points = Yes, I think it was hard for Pocahontas to get used to life in England because it was so different from her home.

5. Based on the information on page 44, what were the streets in England like? Explain, using information from the text. [DC, RE, SA]

20 points = The streets in England were noisy and busy. The text says that there were workmen pulling carts. There were **also** women shouting to people to buy their cakes, flowers, or fish. It looked like a very loud and busy place **compared** to her home.

15 points = The streets in England were noisy and busy. There were workmen pulling carts. There were women yelling to people to buy their cakes, flowers, or fish.

10 points = The streets in England were noisy and busy.

**Part II. Writing** (100 points)

Write at least one paragraph to answer the following question:

Do you think Pocahontas changed the English people’s minds about Indians? Explain, using support from the text.

Yes, I think that Pocahontas changed the English people’s minds about Indians. In the text, it said that the English people thought all Indians were savages. But Pocahontas didn’t act like a savage, wild Indian. She acted like a princess. She stood very straight, smiled, and spoke softly. Also, on page 47, it says that everyone wanted to meet Pocahontas, and they called her the Indian Princess. She even met Queen Anne. In these ways, I think Pocahontas changed the minds of the English people about Indians.
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**Part III. Vocabulary** (100 points)

1. Write a meaningful sentence using the word *stumbles*. [CV]

   *Accept responses that show the student knows the meaning of the word and can use it correctly. For example: Because Marvin knows he stumbles on uneven ground, he makes sure he brings a strong walking stick hiking to help him keep his balance.*

2. The streets in historic Annapolis, Maryland, are so old they are made of ________, which are very bumpy when you drive over them in your car.

   Choose the word that belongs in the blank. [CV]
   
   A. prisoner  
   B. decorated  
   C. cobblestones  
   D. curling

3. What is a synonym for the word *curling*? What is an antonym for the word *curling*? [CV]

   *(Accept reasonable responses.) A synonym for curling is spiraling. An antonym for curling is straightening.*

4. Write a meaningful sentence using the word *basin*. [CV]

   *Accept responses that show the student knows the meaning of the word and can use it correctly. For example: The farmer used a basin filled with soap and water to wash his hands in after he milked the cows.*
5. The police took the robber _______ after they caught him trying to escape from the bank he held up.

Choose the word that belongs in the blank. [CV]
- A. captures
- B. prisoner
- C. decorated
- D. curling

6. What is a synonym for the word decorated? What is an antonym for the word decorated? [CV]

(Accept reasonable responses.) A synonym for decorated is dressed up or made beautiful. An antonym for decorated is made plain or spoiled.

7. For the _______ of the team, I sat out of the game since I had a sprained ankle and couldn’t run very fast around the bases.

Choose the word that belongs in the blank. [CV]
- A. sake
- B. curling
- C. basin
- D. notch

8. Write a meaningful sentence using the word notch. [CV]

Accept responses that show the student knows the meaning of the word and can use it correctly. For example: My little sister had carved a notch in the dresser, and my father was upset about it.

Write the base word and suffix for the following words, then write a definition for the words. [CV] (word power)

9. inspects

   inspect + s; looks carefully at something or someone in the present

10. planting

   plant + ing; putting a plant or tree in the ground to grow

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**Question Codes**

- **[DC]** Make inferences; interpret data; draw conclusions.
- **[SA]** Support an answer; cite supporting evidence.
- **[MI]** Identify the main idea that is stated or implied.
- **[CV]** Clarify vocabulary.
- **[AA]** Analyze an argument.
- **[AP]** Identify author's intent or purpose.
- **[RE]** Analyze relationships (ideas, story elements, text structures).
- **[AC]** Author's craft; literary devices
Lesson 7

**Reading Objective:** Use other words and phrases in the text to clarify the meaning of difficult words.

**Teacher Background**

During Class Discussion, students orally present evaluations of their homework reading selections. During Teamwork, students use their Read and Respond notes and answers to the homework questions to make final preparations for these presentations. Team members share their responses and give one another feedback. During the oral presentations, students use their revised responses to the questions to describe the kind of texts they read, the strategies that helped them understand the text, and whether they will recommend their reading selections to others.

**Active Instruction**

(20 minutes)

**Two-Minute Edit**

1. Display and have students complete the Two-Minute Edit as they arrive for class.
2. Use Random Reporter to check corrections. Award team celebration points.

**Vocabulary**

Ask teams if they have a Vocabulary Vault word that they would like to share. Award team celebration points.

**Set the Stage**

1. Ask students to review their team’s goal for this cycle and assess their progress.
2. Review the Team Celebration Points poster, and challenge teams to build on their successes.
3. Have students get out their reading selections and Read and Respond forms. Remind them that today, with the help of their teams, they will each prepare a presentation about their individual reading selections.
   
   Challenge students to think about the strategies and skills that they used to read their self-selected texts, share their answers to the Read and Respond questions, discuss their thinking, and prepare evaluations of their selections.
4. Remind students to add to the notes on their Read and Respond forms as they discuss their selections and prepare oral presentations about their selections. Students will use their answers to the questions on the Read and Respond form as the basis for their presentations.
Teamwork (25 minutes)

Team Discussion

1. Tell students that they will use the Read and Respond questions as a guide as they discuss their homework reading and prepare evaluations of their reading selections to share with their teams.

2. As students prepare their answers, check in with those students for whom you do not have written Team Talk responses and/or a fluency score. Have them show you examples from the cycle. Point out areas of success, and give feedback to improve student performance.

3. As you visit teams, take this opportunity to check students’ homework for completion (Read and Respond forms). Enter the information on your teacher cycle record form.

Teacher's Note:

Have students who are ready for a new selection take turns choosing reading material from the classroom library. Make sure that every student has a Read and Respond form for next cycle.

Read and Respond Questions

1. Is your selection informational or literature? Summarize your reading. (summary rubric)

2. Why did you choose this reading? What is your purpose for reading? (Team Talk rubric)

3. Choose a word, phrase, or passage that you did not understand at first. How did you figure it out? (strategy-use rubric)

4. Write down a question that you had or a prediction that you made as you read. Were you able to answer or confirm it? Explain. (strategy-use rubric)

5. Would you recommend this selection to others to read? State your opinion, and support it with reasons. (Team Talk rubric)

6. Choose a short section of the text that you think is important or especially interesting. Tell your teammates why you chose it. Read it aloud smoothly and with expression. (fluency rubric)
Class Discussion (15 minutes)

Lightning Round

Use Random Reporter to have students present their evaluations of their homework reading selections (responses to the Read and Respond questions). Use rubrics to evaluate responses, give specific feedback, and award points.

Celebrate

1. Tally up this cycle’s points on the poster.
2. Tell students that their scored tests will be returned at the beginning of the next lesson. Poster points and the teams’ test scores will determine which teams earn the status of super team, great team, or good team for the cycle.
3. Be sure to record each team’s total celebration points from the poster into the teacher cycle record form. Remind students that team celebration points and team test averages are used to determine team scores.
4. Collect students’ Read and Respond forms, and pass out new forms.
5. Tally up the number of Read and Respond signatures on students’ forms, and record the number on the teacher cycle record form after class.
Lesson 8

Objectives: Celebrate successes, and set new goals. Hold a Class Council meeting.

Teacher Background
In the first part of this lesson, students review their test results and their final scores for the cycle and compare them with their goals. They celebrate success and set new objectives for further improvement.

In the second part of the lesson, students participate in Class Council.

Active Instruction

Two-Minute Edit

1. Display and have students complete the Two-Minute Edit as they arrive for class.
2. Use Random Reporter to check corrections. Award team celebration points.

Celebrate/Set Goals

1. Distribute students’ scored cycle tests. Allow a few moments for students to review them.
2. Distribute team score sheets to teams and celebration certificates to students. Remind students that the cycle’s top-scoring teams are determined by their points on the poster and their test scores.
3. Recognize and celebrate the super, great, and good teams. Remind the teams of the impact of bonus points that are added to team members’ cycle scores.
4. Have each team discuss and set a goal for the next cycle and record it on their team score sheet. Use the questions below to analyze and discuss the students’ scores.

   What was your team’s highest score?
   What score do you want to improve?
   What can the team do to improve that score?
   Use Random Reporter to ask:
   What is your team’s goal for the next cycle? Why did you choose that goal?
   Accept supported answers.
5. Use the poster to award team celebration points for responses that include the team’s reasons for choosing the goal, thus beginning the accumulation of points for the next cycle.

6. Have students record their cycle test scores and their areas of greatest strength and improvement on their progress charts.

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**Class Council**

(30 minutes)

1. Share class compliments.

2. Review the class goal that was set at the last Class Council. Using the agreed-upon measure of progress, was the goal met? Why or why not?

3. Discuss a class concern, or use the scenario and discussion hints provided.

4. Have teams discuss and then use Random Reporter to share responses.

5. After debriefing how they resolved the problem, help students set a goal and a measure of progress that they can use at the next Class Council.

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**Brain Game**

(5 minutes)

1. Choose a brain game from the card set, and then play the game.

2. Use the following questions to debrief and remind students of self-regulatory strategies:

   **What did this game require your brain to do?**

   **How will use of this skill improve your success in other classes?**
Common Core State Standards

The following Common Core State Standards are addressed in this unit. Full program alignments can be found on the Reading Edge online resources. Contact your SFA coach for more information.

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