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A Lesson on The Turtle and the Rabbit by Cerina Brooks

Grade Level: Grade 3

Subject Area: English Language Arts

Lesson Length: 2 hours

Lesson Keywords: Reading, Vocabulary, Writing

Lesson Description: While reading the story ? The Turtle and the Rabbit? the students will acquire vocabulary skills, practice reading and writing skills. The students will understand the moral of the story. Lastly the students will understand the Turtle and the Rabbit point of view and the key words that help understand the passage.

Common Core Standards Covered with This Lesson

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.1: Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

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CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.2: Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures; determine the central message, lesson, or moral and explain how it is conveyed through key details in the text.

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CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.3: Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events.

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CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, distinguishing literal from nonliteral language.

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Task 1: Vocabulary

Instructions: Please complete the following vocabulary activity by choosing the correct meaning of each word selected from the passage and use of each word correctly in a sentence.

Q: 1 WordPhrase: challenge **WordPhraseTier:** 3

Question: When the turtle said "I accept your challenge" what does the word "challenge" mean in the story?

- A: match
- B: story
- C: information
- D: gift

Question: Which one of the sentences below uses the word "challenge" correctly in relationship to the story?

- A: I challenge you to an obstacle course.
 - B: I challenge you to information.
 - C: I challenge this book.
 - D: I challenge for icecream.
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Q: 2 WordPhrase: boasting **WordPhraseTier:** 3

Question: The author in the story says "The Rabbit was once boasting of his speed before the other animals." What does the word "boasting" mean?

- A: upset
- B: yelling
- C: bragging
- D: elaborating

Question: Which one of the sentences below uses the word "boasting" correctly?

- A: Sally was boasting when she recieved her test.
 - B: Samantha boasted at the sandwich.
 - C: The students were boasting when starting the test.
 - D: The animal was boasting in the grass.
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Q: 3 WordPhrase: darted **WordPhraseTier:** 2

Question: The author in the story says "The Rabbit darted " What does the word "darted" mean?

- A: played
- B: stopped
- C: believed
- D: sprinted

Question: Which sentence uses the word darted correctly

- A: He darted in movie line.
 - B: He darted to the finish line.
 - C: The child darted on the monkey bars.
 - D: The cat darted to sleep.
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Q: 4 WordPhrase: defaeted **WordPhraseTier:** 2

Question: In the story the Turtle states "I can defeat you ", what does the word defeat mean?

- A: lose
- B: quiet
- C: win
- D: partner

Question: Which sentence used "defeat" correctly?

- A: The cat will defeat the food.
 - B: The Yankees will defeat the Red Sox.
 - C: The baby was defeat.
 - D: The team was overjoyed to be defeated
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Lesson Content: Book/Story/Reading Passage

Instructions: Please read the following reading passage as many times as needed (aloud and silent) before starting to go through other lesson pages. Understanding the content of this passage is very important since the lesson activities will be all about this content. Feel free to print the passage if needed.

The Turtle and the Rabbit

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Content: The Rabbit was once boasting of his speed before the other animals. I?have never yet been beaten, said he, when I put forth my full speed. I?challenge any one here to race with me. I am the best.?

The Turtle said quietly, I accept your challenge. I am tired of your?bragging. I am confident that I can beat you.?

That is a good joke, said the Rabbit; I could dance around you all?the way. You will never be able to speed past me. You will not get the?victory.?

Keep your boasting till you've beaten me, answered the Turtle. Shall?we race? I know that I can defeat you.

So a course was fixed and a start was made. The Rabbit darted almost?out of sight at once, but soon stopped and, believing that the Turtle could?never catch him, lay down by the wayside to have a nap. The Turtle never for?a moment stopped, but went on with a slow but steady pace straight to the?end of the course.?

When the Rabbit awoke from his nap, he saw the Turtle just near the?winning-post. The Rabbit ran as fast as he could, but it was too late. He saw?the Turtle had reached the goal. He was very surprised. He had never lost a?race before.

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Task 2: Forum Discussion

Instructions: This discussion forum will have questions for students to respond. Read the posted questions, and respond to each. Students are responsible for posting one initial and two peer responses for each topic.

1 - Understanding the text

How was the Turtles attitude throughout the text ?

2 - Moral/Lesson

What do you think the moral or lesson of the story is ?

3 - Turtle or Rabbit

If you could choose between being the Turtle or Rabbit, who would you choose? Why?

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Task 3: Writing Activity

Instructions: Why did the Rabbit lose the race? What are some examples from the text that helped cause this?

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