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A Lesson on The Turtle and the Rabbit by Renee L

Grade Level: Grade 3

Subject Area: English Language Arts

Lesson Length: 1 hour

Lesson Keywords: Vocabulary, Reading, General Understanding

Lesson Description: Students will be working independently in order to expand upon their reading, vocabulary, and critical thinking skills. Students will be able to peer review once finished with the multiple choice sections of the work to be able to receive peer review prior to the writing prompt. The writing prompt will be worked on as a class so I will be able to answer any further questions they may have.

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.RF.3.4a: Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.

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CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.3.3a: Choose words and phrases for effect.

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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 1: Vocabulary

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

Q: 1 WordPhrase: Pace **WordPhraseTier:** 2

Question: Within the passage, the author states "The turtle never for a moment stopped, but went on with a slow but steady pace to the end of the course." What does "pace" mean?

- A: Stable
- B: Fast
- C: Slow
- D: Crazy

Question: Select the correct answer below of a moment you might "pace" yourself

- A: On a test
- B: Running
- C: Reading
- D: All of the above

Q: 2 WordPhrase: Victory **WordPhraseTier:** 2

Question: In the passage, the author states "you will not get the victory." In the quote above, what does "victory" mean?

- A: Loss
- B: Win
- C: Tie
- D: Draw

Question: Pick the sentence below that uses the word "victory" correctly.

- A: We lost my soccer game today, it was a victory.
- B: I got a victory today, I lost in chess while playing with my friend.
- C: My hockey team got the victory today against our rival.
- D: None of the above

Q: 3 WordPhrase: Boast/ Boasting **WordPhraseTier:** 3

Question: Within the story, the author states "The rabbit was once boasting of his speed before the other animals. 'I have never yet been beaten' said he."

What does boasting mean within the quote above?

- A: overconfident
- B: nice
- C: scared
- D: rude

Question: When may someone boast?

- A: During a sporting event
- B: At school
- C: With their friends
- D: All of the above

Q: 4 WordPhrase: Dashed **WordPhraseTier:** 3

Question: In the story, the author states "The rabbit dashed almost out of sight at once, but soon stopped, and believing the turtle could never catch him, lay down by the wayside to have a nap"

What does "Dashed" in the quote above means?

- A: Walked
- B: Jogged
- C: Strolled
- D: Sprinted quickly

Question: What is the opposite meaning of "dashed"?

- A: Sprinted quickly
- B: Ran
- C: Quickly moving
- D: Slowly walking

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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 - Is confidence key?

Why do you think the rabbit was so confident of his abilities against the turtle?

2 - Do not judge a book by its cover

What did you learn from the rabbit's thoughts about the turtle? Should the rabbit have judged him as harshly as he did?

3 - Let me give you some advice

If you could give the rabbit one piece of advice of something that he could have done differently, what would it be?

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Task 3: Writing Activity

Instructions: Write 3-4 sentences describing what you would of done differently if you were the rabbit about to run a race against the turtle. If you would not do anything different please explain why.

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