

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will have a better understanding of the themes and characters in 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time' and be able to analyze the story in a social studies context.

Materials and Prep

- Copy of the book 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time'
- Notebook and pen
- Internet access for research
- Basic knowledge of the plot and characters in the book

Activities

1. Character Analysis: Choose a character from the book and create a character profile detailing their traits, motivations, and relationships with other characters.
2. Theme Exploration: Identify and discuss the main themes present in the book such as truth, trust, and independence. Write a short paragraph on each theme.
3. Research Project: Investigate the social issues addressed in the book, such as the portrayal of individuals with autism in society. Present your findings in a creative way.

Talking Points

- Christopher's Unique Perspective: "Christopher, the protagonist, sees the world in a unique way due to his autism. How does his perspective influence the story?"
- Trust and Truth: "In the book, trust and truth play significant roles. Can you think of a time when honesty was crucial in your life?"
- Family Dynamics: "Christopher's relationship with his parents is complex. How do you think family dynamics contribute to the story?"
- Understanding Autism: "Autism is a central theme in the book. How does the author challenge stereotypes about individuals with autism?"