

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to connect what they read in a story to their own life experiences. They will learn how to identify themes and emotions in literature and relate them to their personal feelings and experiences.

Materials and Prep

- A notebook or journal for writing
- A pen or pencil
- Access to a story or book (can be a favorite story or a new one)
- Time for reflection and discussion

Before starting the lesson, encourage the student to think about a story they have read recently or a favorite book. They should be ready to discuss the main themes and characters.

Activities

1. Story Selection:

Have the student choose a story or book they enjoy. Ask them to summarize the plot and identify the main characters and themes. This will set the stage for personal connections.

2. Personal Reflection:

In their notebook, the student will write down a time in their life that relates to the themes or emotions found in the story. Encourage them to think about how they felt during that experience.

3. Creative Expression:

The student can create a drawing or a comic strip that illustrates their personal experience alongside a scene from the story. This will help them visualize the connection.

4. Sharing Time:

Finally, have the student share their reflections and creative work with you. They can explain how the story relates to their life and what they learned from both experiences.

Talking Points

- "Why do you think stories are important in our lives?"
- "Can you think of a character in your story that reminds you of someone in your life?"
- "What emotions did you feel while reading the story? How do they compare to your own experiences?"
- "How does understanding a character's feelings help us understand our own feelings?"
- "What lessons can we learn from the characters in stories?"
- "Why is it helpful to connect stories to our own lives?"
- "How can sharing our experiences make us feel closer to others?"