

Wimpy Kid Wonders: Diving into Greg's World

Materials:

- A copy of a "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" book
 - Notebook or paper
 - Pencil or pen
 - (Optional) Colored pencils or markers
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Introduction (5 minutes):

Hey there! Ready to dive into the hilarious world of Greg Heffley? We know you enjoy "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," so today we're going to look closely at what makes these books so funny and relatable. We'll become detectives, searching for clues about Greg's personality and figuring out how the author makes us laugh!

Reading Time (15-20 minutes):

Let's read one or two chapters from your chosen "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" book. As you read, pay close attention to:

- What Greg says and does.
- How Greg feels about different situations.
- Anything you find particularly funny.
- How the diary format (with the drawings description, even if we don't have them here) tells the story.

Discussion & Comprehension Check (10 minutes):

Let's chat about what you just read!

- What was the main thing that happened in these chapters?
- How was Greg feeling? How could you tell?
- Did anything surprise you?
- What was the funniest part for you? Why?

Activity 1: Greg Heffley Character Map (15 minutes):

On your paper, write "Greg Heffley" in the center. Let's brainstorm some words to describe Greg based on the chapters we read. Is he funny? Lazy? Creative? A good friend? Sometimes selfish? For each trait you list, try to remember an example from the book that shows it. For example, if you say he's "lazy," maybe you remember a time he tried to get out of doing chores or homework.

Activity 2: Humor Hunt! (10 minutes):

How does Jeff Kinney make the books funny? Let's look back at the chapters.

- Find one example of Greg exaggerating something.
 - Find one example of an awkward or embarrassing situation Greg gets into.
 - Think about the diary format itself – does writing like a diary make it funnier? How?
 - Even though we aren't looking at the pictures now, how do the drawings usually add to the humor
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in the books?

Wrap-up (5 minutes):

Great work today! We looked closely at Greg Heffley and figured out some of his character traits using evidence from the book. We also hunted down different ways the author creates humor. Reading isn't just about following the story; it's also about understanding the characters and noticing how the author tells the story. Keep thinking about these things as you continue reading "Diary of a Wimpy Kid"!

Optional Extension: Write your own short diary entry about a funny or annoying thing that happened this week, trying to capture Greg Heffley's style!