

Reading Instruction for Middle School Students

Lessons for Improving Comprehension
Through "Iqbal"
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Chapter 3 Teacher Guide and Student Log

Chapter 3 Teacher Guide

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Day 1 at a Glance

(60 Minutes)

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- Novel for each student
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Activity	Time	Materials	Preparation	
Review Vocabulary	15 minutes	 Vocabulary index cards Transparency for vocabulary review game (What Word Fits?) 	Prepare sets of vocabulary index cards with one vocabulary word written on each index card (one set per pair of students).	
Prediction	5 minutes	Running list of Get the Gist statements in classroom		
Read the Chapter: Generate Level 1 and Level 2 Questions	15 minutes	Level 1 and Level 2 Question Cards on a ring	 Choose a reading format. Plan stopping points in the text where students will generate questions. 	
Extended Reading	25 minutes	Extended reading passage, "Camel Jockeys in the Middle East"		

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Review Activity: What Word Fits?

(Beck, McKeown, & Kucan, 2002)

1. **Quick review:** Tell students that they are about to play a game with the vocabulary words from Chapters 2 and 3. Group students in pairs and give them a few minutes to review the words and definitions. As the students are reviewing the words, give each pair a set of the vocabulary words on index cards. Have students lay the cards out on their desks so that they can see each of the words.

2. **Introduce the game:** Say, We are going to play a game called "What word fits?"

The game is simple. I will ask a question and then give you two choices from our new words. When you know which word fits, find the word on your desk and hold it up so that I can see it.

3. **Model the game:** Here is what the game will look like. Let's say I ask the question, "What would you call a person who spends most of the day plowing a field? A merchant or a peasant?"

Show students the first pair of words on the overhead transparency while keeping the rest of the words covered. (The transparency can be found on the following page. It is designed for you to keep the words covered and then uncover each pair of words after you ask a question.)

- 4. **Think aloud:** A merchant buys and sells goods, so he would not spend his day in a field. He would most likely spend his day in the city or in a store. I know that a peasant is a laborer and would most likely be the one working all day in a field. So I am going to find the word *peasant* on my desk (model choosing the correct word on one of your students' desk) and hold it up.
- 5. **Begin game:** Now it is your turn. The first question is: What might a master use to keep his workers from running away? Lower cover sheet on overhead. A shackle or a kiln?

Students should hold up the word card *shackle*.

Continue the game with the following questions. Discuss words and answers.

Luxury, precision: What would a bank teller probably use?

Rebel, peasant: If a student refused to wear a uniform to school, he might be considered a what?

Kiln, embankment: Kids might ride their bikes on this.

Luxury, peasant: Having a maid to clean your house might be considered a what?

Merchant, kiln: A person who designs pottery might have this in their studio.

Merchant, peasant: A person who owns his or her own store might be called a what?

What Word Fits?

Merchant **Peasant** Shackle Kiln Luxury Precision Rebel Peasant Kiln **Embankment** Luxury Peasant Merchant Kiln

Peasant

Merchant

Prediction

(5 minutes)

- 1. Have students look at the running list of Get the Gist statements.
- 2. Say, Read the gist statement from Chapter 2 to yourself.
- 3. Now follow along as I read the statement.
 - Read the statement with the class.
- 4. Now, think about what we have learned so far. In 1 minute I want you to write down a sentence in your Chapter 3 Student Log that tells what you think is going to happen in Chapter 3.
 - Set timer for one minute.
- 5. When the timer goes off, say, Partner 1, tell Partner 2 what you think this chapter is going to be about.

Read the Chapter: Generate Level 1 and Level 2 Questions

(15 minutes)

(Klingner, Vaughn, Dimino, Schumm, & Bryant, 2001)

Choose a format for reading, based on the amount of text, and circle the reading format you plan to use. Remember to choose a variety of reading formats throughout the novel. Please refer to the Reading Format Options section of the introductory materials for an explanation of each format.

Reading format options				
Cloze read	Choral read (repeated)			
Partner read	Choral read (alternating)			
Silent reading with frequent checks for understanding				

As you read the chapter, you are going to ask your students to generate Level 1, Right There and Level 2, Putting It Together questions. Plan and record below the page numbers where you will stop to allow students to practice question generation strategies. Students will write their answers in the space provided on the student log.

Comprehension strategy practice				
Level 1 questions:	Page	Paragraph		
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Level 2 questions:	Page	Paragraph		
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NOTE: You will begin reading the chapter on Day 1 and complete it on Day 2.

Extended Reading

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- 4. The reader can tell from this passage that life as a camel jockey is:
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Day 2 at a Glance

(50 Minutes)

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Continue Reading the Chapter: Generate Level 1 and 2 Questions	15 minutes	Same as Day 1	Refer to plans from Day 1.
After Reading: Does It Make Sense?	5 minutes		
Closure: Verify Predictions and Get the Gist	5 minutes	Running list of Get the Gist statements in classroom	
Extended Reading	25 minutes	Extended reading passage, "Sarah Carpenter"	

Continue Reading the Chapter: Generate Level 1 and Level 2 Questions

(15 minutes)

(Klingner et al., 2001)

Continue reading the chapter and stopping to let students generate questions. (Refer to plans from Day 1).

After Reading: Does It Make Sense?

(5 minutes)

We are going to practice recognizing if text does or does not make sense. I am going to show you a sentence, and I want you to ask yourself if the sentence makes sense.

Look at the sentence under the heading "After Reading: Does It Make Sense?" on your Chapter 3 Student Log. Read the sentence to yourself and hold up the "Yes" card if it makes sense and the "No" card if it does not. Give students time to read the following sentences:

1. Maria slept curled up like a small animal near her loom and she followed me everywhere like a rebel.

("No" card or Thumbs down; see page 14)

2. You said it was impossible that's what we'll do.

("No" card or Thumbs down; see page 21)

Closure: Verify Predictions and Get the Gist

(5 minutes)

Verify Predictions

Let's look back at our predictions and see if we were correct. First 1s then 2s: Share your prediction with your partner. Were you correct?

Give partners a minute to discuss and then have a few students share with the group.

Get the Gist

(Klingner et al., 2001)

Let's Get the Gist of Chapter 3.

- 1. Who or what was the chapter about? Accept reasonable student responses. Write appropriate student responses on the Chapter 3 Student Log transparency.
- 2. What was the most important thing about the "who" or the "what?" Accept reasonable student responses. Write appropriate responses on the student log transparency.
- 3. Now I'm going to give you a minute to write a Get the Gist statement with your partner. Remember, the statement must include who or what the chapter was about, the most important thing about the "who" or the "what," and it should be 10 or fewer words.
- 4. Give students a minute or two to write a gist statement. Accept reasonable student responses. For each chapter, keep a running log (on chart paper) of Get the Gist statements clearly posted in your room.

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- 3. A
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Extended Reading PassageSarah Carpenter

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²It was the mother of Joseph Russell who first found out where the children were and told my mother. We set off together, my mother and I, and we walked the whole way from Bristol to Cressbrook Mill in Derbyshire. We were many days on the road.

³Mrs. Newton, the mistress of Cressbrook, gushed over my mother when we arrived. My mother had brought her a present of little glass ornaments to thank her for her kindness to my brother. My brother told me that Mrs. Newton's gushing was all a joke, but I was so young and foolish and so glad to see him again, that I did not heed what he said and could not be persuaded to leave him. They would not let me stay unless I would take the shilling binding money. I took the shilling, and I was very proud of it.

⁴They took me into the counting house and showed me a piece of paper with a red sealed horse. They told me to touch it, so as to get red paint on my finger, and then to make a cross on the paper, which I did. This meant I had to stay at Cressbrook Mill until I was twenty-one.

⁵Our common food was oatcake. It was thick and coarse. This oatcake was put into cans. Boiled milk and water was poured into it. This was our breakfast and supper. Our dinner was potato pie with boiled bacon it, a bit here and a bit there, so thick with fat we could scarce eat it, though we were hungry enough to eat anything. Tea we never saw, nor butter. We had cheese and brown bread once a year. We were only allowed three meals a day even though we got up at five in the morning and worked until nine at night.

⁶The master carder's name was Thomas Birks; but he never went by any other name than Tom the Devil. He was a very bad man — he was encouraged by the master to ill-treat all the hands, but particularly the children. Everybody was frightened of him. He would not even let us speak. He once fell poorly, and very glad we were. We wished he might die.

There was an overlooker called William Hughes, who was put in his place whilst he was ill. He came up to me and asked me why my drawing frame was stopped. I said I did not know because it was not me who had stopped it. A little boy that was on the other side had stopped it, but he was too frightened to say it was he. Hughes starting beating me with a stick, and when he was done I told him I would let my mother know. He then went out and fetched the master in to me. The master started beating me with a stick over the head until it was full of lumps and bled. My head was so badly hurt that I could not sleep for a long time, and I have never been a sound sleeper since.

⁸There was a young woman, Sarah Goodling, who was sick and so she stopped her machine. James Birch, the overlooker knocked her to the floor. She got up as well as she could. He knocked her down again. Then she was carried to the apprentice house. Her bedfellow found her dead in bed. There was another called Mary. She knocked her food can down on the floor. The master, Mr. Newton, kicked her, and it caused her to wear away until she died. There was another, Caroline Thompson; they beat her until she went out of her mind.

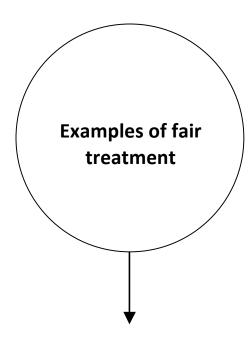
⁹We were always locked up outside of mill hours for fear any of us should run away. One day the door was left open. Charlotte Smith said she would be ringleader if the rest of us would follow. She went out but no one followed her. The master found out about this and sent for her. There was a carving knife, which he took and grasping her hair he cut if off close to the head. They were in the habit of cutting off the hair of all who were caught speaking to any of the lads. This head shaving was a dreadful punishment. We were more afraid of it than of any other, for girls are proud of their hair.

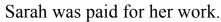
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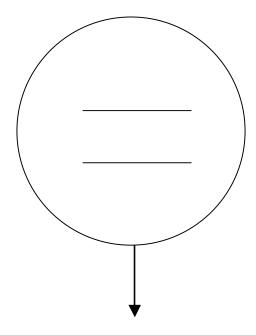
Comprehension Questions

- 1. Why did Sarah go to work at Cressbrook?
 - A. She was forced.
 - B. She was abducted.
 - C. She wanted to be with her brother.
 - D. Her parents were both dead.
- 2. In paragraph 3, the word "heed" means—
 - A. Work hard
 - B. Pay attention to
 - C. Run away
 - D. Cry
- 3. How did Sarah feel when she first joined the workforce as Cressbrook?
 - A. Proud
 - B. Scared
 - C. Timid about meeting new people
 - D. Hungry
- 4. Review the graphic organizer on the next page. What heading should be placed within the circle on the right-hand side?
 - A. Examples of fair treatment
 - B. Examples of generosity
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⁶The master carder's name was Thomas Birks; but he never went by any other name than Tom the Devil. He was a very bad man — he was encouraged by the master to ill-treat all the hands, but particularly the children. Everybody was frightened of him. He would not even let us speak. He once fell poorly, and very glad we were. We wished he might die.

There was an overlooker called William Hughes, who was put in his place whilst he was ill. He came up to me and asked me why my drawing frame was stopped. I said I did not know because it was not me who had stopped it. A little boy that was on the other side had stopped it, but he was too frightened to say it was he. Hughes starting beating me with a stick, and when he was done I told him I would let my mother know. He then went out and fetched the master in to me. The master started beating me with a stick over the head until it was full of lumps and bled. My head was so badly hurt that I could not sleep for a long time, and I have never been a sound sleeper since.

⁸There was a young woman, Sarah Goodling, who was sick and so she stopped her machine. James Birch, the overlooker knocked her to the floor. She got up as well as she could. He knocked her down again. Then she was carried to the apprentice house. Her bedfellow found her dead in bed. There was another called Mary. She knocked her food can down on the floor. The master, Mr. Newton, kicked her, and it caused her to wear away until she died. There was another, Caroline Thompson; they beat her until she went out of her mind.

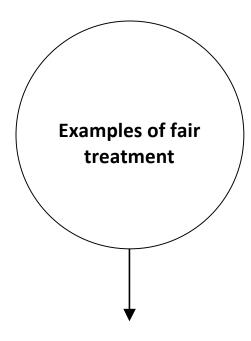
⁹We were always locked up outside of mill hours for fear any of us should run away. One day the door was left open. Charlotte Smith said she would be ringleader if the rest of us would follow. She went out but no one followed her. The master found out about this and sent for her. There was a carving knife, which he took and grasping her hair he cut if off close to the head. They were in the habit of cutting off the hair of all who were caught speaking to any of the lads. This head shaving was a dreadful punishment. We were more afraid of it than of any other, for girls are proud of their hair.

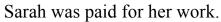
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¹⁰I was there ten years and saw a great deal more than I can remember today. My brother, after he was free, came to Cressbrook and stole me away. But I was so frightened with the punishment I had received, that for a long time I was like a person with no wits. I could hardly find my way from one street into another.

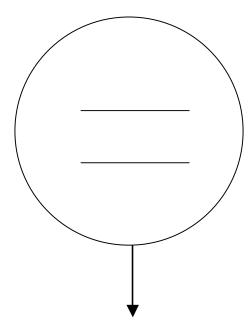
Comprehension Questions

- 1. Why did Sarah go to work at Cressbrook?
 - A. She was forced.
 - B. She was abducted.
 - C. She wanted to be with her brother.
 - D. Her parents were both dead.
- 2. In paragraph 3, the word "heed" means—
 - A. Work hard
 - B. Pay attention to
 - C. Run away
 - D. Cry
- 3. How did Sarah feel when she first joined the workforce as Cressbrook?
 - A. Proud
 - B. Scared
 - C. Timid about meeting new people
 - D. Hungry
- 4. Review the graphic organizer on the next page. What heading should be placed within the circle on the right-hand side?
 - A. Examples of fair treatment
 - B. Examples of generosity
 - C. Examples of kindness
 - D. Examples of unfair treatment





They were kind to Sarah's mother.



The children were locked up.

The master beat Sarah with a stick.

The girls' heads were shaved.