

Lesson Plan

Grade Level: 2nd Grade

Lesson #3

“More Caps for Sale” - Pezzo’s Caps: Opinion Writing

Standards Met

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.2.1

Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply reasons that support the opinion, use linking words (e.g., because, and, also) to connect opinion and reasons, and provide a concluding statement or section.

Notes

The attached organizer with sentence starters is optional. However, even for more advanced students, it could be beneficial for organizing thoughts before writing a more complex paragraph.

Learning Target

- I can use text evidence to support my opinion about why something happened in a fictional story.
- I’ll show this by writing a short response in which I state my opinion, including specific references from the story.

Materials Needed

Copy of “More Caps for Sale”

Do Now

The teacher asks the students to recall “Caps for Sale” with a partner.

Activity 1

Students read the story “More Caps For Sale” either independently or with a partner. Once everyone in the class has finished, the class comes back as a group.

Activity 2

The teacher asks the students to summarize the story by doing a popcorn retelling around the room. Students should try to identify each major plot point. They can use their books as a support.

Activity 3

Students are then asked to brainstorm ideas with a partner as to why Peddler was finally able to sell his caps. They should try to identify clues from the story that support their opinion.

If students need extra support, the teacher can suggest that students look at the page on which the monkeys walk through the town behind the peddler, mimicking his every move.

Activity 4

The students come together again to share their ideas. Following this, each individual student should write an “I think...because...” paragraph that explains their argument.

Closure

Students can share out their work.

Printable Materials

Sentence starter organizer

Blank paragraph page

Name:

Pezzo's Caps: Opinion Paragraph Sentence Starters

I think Pezzo was able to sell his caps
because _____

I know this because in the story, _____

Also, in the story _____

