

The Snow Lion: A Chinese Tale

CLASS ACTIVITIES

Fluent Reading | 2nd Grade



LITERACY



MINDSET

How should you speak to others so that they listen to you?

Use this essential question to guide student learning with class discussion and inquiry activities.

1. DRAW AND WRITE ABOUT CHARACTERS (20 MINUTES)

As a class, list the characters who interact with the snow lion: Fu, Mei, the village ruler, and the villagers/dogs. Give each student a piece of paper folded into four squares.

In each square, the students write a character's name and write or draw how that character spoke to lion. Finally, ask students to draw a heart around the character who the lion listened to.

2. DISCUSS POLITE WORDS (20 MINUTES)

Using the student charts from the previous activity, ask the class who they drew a heart around (Mei). Reread the section of the story in which Mei interacts with the lion. Ask students to write words or phrases that Mei uses when she speaks to the lion.

Discuss how Mei was polite to the lion. Next, show the video titled Use Polite Words. After watching, ask students what polite words were discussed in the video. Record these on the board or on chart paper.

VIDEO Use Polite Words <https://bit.ly/3ZtnMqX>

3. WRITE AND PERFORM A SKIT (TWO 20-MINUTE SESSIONS)

Have students choose partners. Each duo chooses a character from the story who did NOT treat lion politely: Fu, the village ruler, or the villagers/dogs. Students write a short skit featuring their character speaking politely to lion and lion listening. Remind students to use the polite words they learned from the Using Polite Words video.

4. LISTEN AND RESPOND TO A STORY (20 MINUTES)

Mei and the other villagers learned the importance of treating people kindly. Share the story Kindness is My Superpower with the class. Ask students to pay attention to what the main character learns about kindness. After students listen to the story, give them time to discuss in pairs what the main character learns, then bring the discussion to the whole class.

VIDEO Kindness is My Superpower Read Aloud <http://bit.ly/3QsN9Fz>

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El león de nieve

Un cuento chino



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Use the bilingual book **El León de Nieve: Un Cuento Chino** to help support Spanish-speaking ELL

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5. WRITE A PARAGRAPH (20 MINUTES)

Ask students to write a paragraph describing why kindness is their superpower. Students can use ideas from the Kindness is My Superpower story. Provide the accompanying graphic organizer to help students plan their paragraph.

Display the paragraphs on a bulletin board titled *Kindness is My Superpower*. If possible, take a picture of each student with a cape to add to the display. If a cape is not available, the students can make one out of construction paper and attach it to their photograph.

PRINTABLE Basic Paragraph Template <https://resources.waterford.org/teacher-resources/3541/3541.pdf>

6. WRITE A CLASS PARAGRAPH (20 MINUTES)

Remind students of the essential question: How should you speak to others so that they listen to you? Using what they have learned in the various activities, write a class paragraph answering the question. Keep the paragraph posted in the classroom as a reminder to the students throughout the year.

Name _____ Date _____

Basic Paragraph Template
Organize your paragraph by completing the outline.

Topic Sentence: _____

First, _____

Also, _____

Finally, _____

In conclusion, _____

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Basic Paragraph Template