

THE LITTLEST DROP

PICTURE BOOK LESSON

RECOMMENDED READS

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PICTURE BOOK FABLES

- The Littlest Drop (Alper)
- The North Wind and the
- The Baddies (Donaldson)
- Simon and the Better Bc
- The King's Golden Bear
- The Weather's Bet (You
- The Fabled Life of Aes
- Night (Jumbe)

INFORMATIONAL P

- The Fabled Life of A
- The Tale of the Mar

MORE BY THE P

- A Walk
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Name _____ Teacher _____









SCAVENGER HUNT

How many of these pictures can you find in the presentation?

Name _____ Teacher _____

SCAVENGER HUNT

How many of these pictures and facts can you find in the presentation?

 hummingb.	 Ants can lift up to _____ times their own weight.	 Why is the hummingbird so determined to put out the wildfire?
	On what continents do hummingbirds live?	
 The hummingbird starts putting water on the fire first. Which animal helped next?	What kind of trees are in the background illustrations of the story?	
	What is the setting of The Littlest Drop?	What are two ways wildfires can start?

GRADES
1-3

WHAT IS A FABLE?

This story is a fable.

A fable is a short story with a moral or lesson at the end. The story is simple, which makes the moral very easy to understand.



“The Tortoise and the Hare” is a fable.

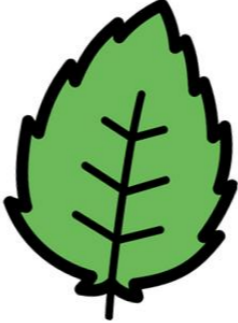
ABOUT THIS PICTURE BOOK LESSON

This Picture Book Lesson takes about 25-30 minutes to teach.

It is a mini version of my longer Library Lessons, which are designed for 50-minute library class times.


TRIVIA QUESTION

What do the ants use to carry water in the story?



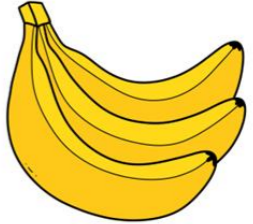
leaves

OR



coconuts

OR



banana peels

(answer on next slide)

It includes all the same printables as my other Library Lessons:
Recommended Reads, two differentiated Scavenger Hunts, and answer key.

EDITABLE IN THREE FORMATS

Presentation is editable in PowerPoint and Google Slides.

Printables are editable in PowerPoint, Google Slides, and PDF formats.

DID YOU KNOW...?



ruby-throated hummingbird

The Littlest Drop has **anatopisms**!

Anatopism is a special word you can use when a story's animals and plants are in the wrong geographical place.

The hummingbird and gorillas in this story are **anatopisms**. They do not live on the African savanna.

PART I - WHOLE-GROUP LESSON

Since this is a Library Lesson Mini, the whole-group lesson is only a few slides.

These slides introduce a read-aloud (*The Littlest Drop* by Sascha Alper) with a short whole-group discussion about fables, setting, and author/illustrator.



The cover tells us so many things!

Let's look at the front cover of *The Littlest Drop*.

Who is the author? Who are the illustrators?
What do you notice about the illustrators' last names?

What kind of animal is the main character?


Do you see "the littlest drop" on the cover?
What do you think the drop is made of?

The Littlest Drop - Library Lesson

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PART II - SCROLLING SLIDES

WORD OF THE WEEK



WILDFIRE

A **wildfire** is a large, fast-moving fire that destroys forests and grasslands. Wildfires can burn for days, weeks, or months at a time.

Though they are scary, wildfires can also be helpful. They burn off old, dead trees and plants. This makes room for new trees and plants to grow.

They can also destroy diseases that may harm the plants and animals.

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The slides in Part II need to be set on a timer (instructions with visuals included).

The scrolling slides include fun facts about fables, the illustrators, wildfires, Would-You-Rathers, and trivia questions.

Students watch the slideshow to find the images and information included in the differentiated Scavenger Hunt activities.


IS THERE ANY AI?

IMAGES

This presentation has
ZERO AI-generated images!

To support human artists, all clipart was purchased from human artists, some of whom are also classroom teachers, on TPT.

All photos are public domain photos.



"Town Mouse and Country Mouse" is an Aesop's Fable.

AESOP'S FABLES

Many of today's fables are very old!

They are often said to have been written by a man named **Aesop** hundreds of years ago.

We don't know for sure who Aesop was – or even if he really existed.

He might have been more than one person, or maybe he was just a story himself.

The Little Drop - Library Lesson

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TEXT: All text is original (**not AI-generated**), thoroughly-researched, and written by a certified Texas teacher-librarian with an MLS Degree.

PRINTABLE ACTIVITIES

Name _____ Teacher _____

SCAVENGER HUNT

How many of these pictures can you find in the presentation?

EASIER

hummingbird

ant

bananas

umbrella acacia tree

Name _____ Teacher _____

SCAVENGER HUNT

How many of these pictures and facts can you find in the presentation?

HARDER

Ants can lift up to _____ times their own weight.

Why is the hummingbird determined to put out the wildfire?

On what continents do hummingbirds live?

The hummingbird starts putting water on the fire first. Which animal helped next?

What kind of trees are in the background illustrations of the story?

Name **ANSWER KEY** Teacher _____

SCAVENGER HUNT

How many of these pictures and facts can you find in the presentation?

ANSWER KEY

50

elephant

African savanna

umbrella acacia trees

Why is the hummingbird so determined to put out the wildfire?

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What kind of trees are in the background illustrations of the story?

Keep early-finishers engaged during checkout! All images and answers to the scavenger hunt questions appear in Part II of the presentation. Two differentiated versions of each!

ostrich

Lightning, fireworks

RECOMMENDED READS

This is an editable list of 32 recommended books related to *The Littlest Drop*.

I am a Texas-certified, experienced school librarian and ELA teacher. I hand-selected every book on this list. Every title on this list is well-reviewed for Grades 1-3 and includes positive professional reviews in Titlewave.

Use it for your own reference, add it to book displays, or send it to teachers or home to parents!

RECOMMENDED READS

“Books to Accompany *The Littlest Drop*”

PICTURE BOOK FABLES

The Littlest Drop (Alper)
The North Wind and the Sun (Stead)
The Baddies (Donaldson)
Simon and the Better Bone (Tabor)
The King's Golden Beard (Verplancke)
The Weather's Bet (Young)
The Fabled Life of Aesop (Lendler)
Night (Jumbe)

PICTURE BOOK FABLES

Lucky Duck (Pizzoli)
The Fastest Tortoise in Town (Calvert)
So Tortoise Dug (Kastner)
Seven Blind Mice (Young)
The Little Red Hen (Galdone)
Town Mouse, Country Mouse (Brett)
The Boy Who Cried Wolf (Hennessy)
Lousy, Rotten, Stinkin' Grapes (Palatini)

INFORMATIONAL PICTURE BOOKS RELATED TO FABLES

The Fabled Life of Aesop (Lendler)
The Tale of the Mandarin Duck (Midler)

MORE BY THE PINKNEY FAMILY

A Walk in the Woods (Grimes, J. Pinkney, and B. Pinkney)
Nya's Long Walk: A Step at a Time (Park and B. Pinkney)
Aesop's Fables (J. Pinkney)
The Lion & the Mouse (J. Pinkney)
The Tortoise & the Hare (J. Pinkney)
The Grasshopper & the Ants (J. Pinkney)
Time for Kenny (B. Pinkney)
A Poem for Peter (A. Pinkney)



EDITABLE LESSON PLAN

PREP CHECKLIST

NOTES

Use this space for
Is there anything

LESSON PLAN

THE STUDENTS WILL

- Listen to a read-aloud
- Express curiosity
- Describe characters
- Answer comprehension questions
- Define and give examples of figurative language
- Practice signing
- Define "wildfire"

LIBRARY / LITERATURE

- Review author's biography
- Describe characters
- Describe the setting
- Author's Name

READ-ALONG

The Littlest Drop

KEY

LESSON PLAN

DATES

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GRADES

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SUPPLIES AND RESOURCES NEEDED

- Computer, projector or TV screen, slide "clicker"
- *The Littlest Drop* by Sascha Alper (2025)
- Copies of scavenger hunts and Recommended Reads
- Crayons, colored pencils, and/or markers

AASL STANDARDS FRAMEWORK

[AASL.V.C.1](#)

Expressing curiosity about a topic of personal interest or curricular relevance.

[AASL.I.D.3](#)

Enacting new understanding through real-world connections.

[AASL.C.I.1](#)

Interacting with content presented by others.

COMMON CORE STANDARDS

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.K.6](#)

Name the author and illustrator of a text and define the role of each in presenting the ideas or information in a text.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.1.7](#)

Use illustrations and details in a story to describe its characters, setting, or events.

[CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.2.2](#)

Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral.

TEKS (TEXAS ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE)

Includes pre-filled lesson plan with AASL, CCSS, and TEKS standards for Grades K-2.

The Notes page is a place where you can make notes to yourself for next year, or whenever you teach this lesson again.

100% editable to make it as easy and useful as possible!

All these lesson pages are
make them bigger, change the

MORE PICTURE BOOK LESSONS

Love this Picture Book Lesson Lesson? I have a lot more! All follow the same format as this one.

INCLUDES GOOGLE™ SLIDES

HOW SWEET THE SOUND PICTURE BOOK LESSON

TRIVIA QUESTION
Which artist is known as the "Queen of Soul"?

Donna Summer OR Aretha Franklin OR Whitney Houston
(answer on next slide)

designed for use with *How Sweet the Sound* picture book by Kwame Alexander

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FIREWORKS PICTURE BOOK LESSON

TRIVIA QUESTION
The setting of a story is the time and place where it happens. What is the setting of *Fireworks*?

Winter in the mountains Spring in a park Summer in a city
(answer on next slide)

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Fireworks by Matthew Burgess

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HERE IS A BOOK PICTURE BOOK LESSON

GLUE AND SPINE
The glue goes on the book's spine.
The spine holds the book's pages together.
In addition to glue, many books also have thread to sew them together.
This makes the spines stronger, so the books last longer.

These are book spines on a shelf.

designed for use with...
Here Is a Book by Elisha Cooper

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