

**Building Foundations That Last**  
**Second Grade Opinion Model Planning Form (Book Preference)**

Date: January

Topic: Favorite Unit 4 Shared Reading Selection

Purpose: Share my opinion, (thought/feeling/preference)

Quarter 2 Benchmarks

Audience: Buddy classroom

**Standards & Curriculum Connection:**

W.2.1 – Opinion writing

RI.2.8– Describe how reasons support specific points

**Reach for Reading** – Unit 4 – Lend a Hand

**Language and Vocabulary** – ai and ay

**Grammar** – Sentence structure

**High Frequency Words** –

**Process**

- Planning strategies
- Identifies a topic, purpose and specific reader/audience for piece

**Surface Features**

- Indents paragraph about one topic with supporting details
- Spells known and unknown words using knowledge of word structures

**Content**

- Reasons are relevant to the opinion
- Contains descriptive vocabulary that is specific to the opinion

**Background Information** – In this unit we read folk tales, fables, proverbs and selections about helping each other. I am going to write my opinion about one of the selections we read – *The Lion and the Mouse*.

**Introduction (Book, Author, Hook, Opinion)**

- Favorite Fable – *The Lion and the Mouse* by Aesop
- Too little to help?
- Problem Solver

**Body (Reasons, evidence from the source, elaboration)**

**Reason: # 1**

Compassionate

Details/Evidence

- Lion releases mouse
- Mouse to babies

**Reason: # 2**

Surprise ending

Details/Evidence

- Mouse frees lion
- Returns favor

**Conclusion (Opinion reworded and wrap up)**

- Moral
- Help in any size

**The Writing:**

My Favorite Fable

Have you ever felt too little to help someone else? My favorite fable, *The Lion and the Mouse* by Aesop taught me that size does not matter when it comes to being a problem solver. This fable is my favorite because of the compassion the lion shows the mouse when he releases her. Even though the lion was hungry, he allowed the mouse to return to her babies. I was also surprised by the ending because I did not expect the mouse would be able to set the struggling lion free from the net. The mouse was able to help the lion just as he had helped her. This fable teaches us an important moral that help can come in any size.