

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

Date: Nov. – Dec.

Topic: Favorite Tale

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 3 – Water Cycle

Language and Vocabulary – short and long -a

Grammar – Use adjectives

High Frequency Words – Rain, problem

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 – Share with students that you have always been interested in tales that try to explain how things happen in nature.

Introduction (Book, Author, Hook, Opinion)

- Imaginative story? (question as hook)
- Favorite Tale - Frog Brings Rain by Joseph Bruchac illustrated by S.D. Nelson

Body (Reasons, evidence from the source, elaboration)

Reason: # 1

Sparks imagination!

Details/Evidence

- Animals solve nature problem [sketch]

Reason: # 2

Illustrations – expertly drawn chalk pictures (images)

Details/Evidence

- Simple but expressive [sketch]
- Native American setting

Conclusion (Opinion reworded and wrap up)

- Uses onomatopoeia “Harrumph”
- Recommend reading

The Writing:

My Favorite Tale

Are you looking for a tale that is imaginative? My favorite tale we read as a class is *Frog Brings Rain*, by Joseph Bruchac. This tale sparks your imagination as it describes how all types of animals try to solve a problem in nature. Another reason I enjoyed this story is that the illustrations look like expertly drawn chalk pictures. S.D. Nelson draws simple but expressive illustrations that capture the Native American setting. Finally, the author uses the onomatopoeia “Harrumph” to cleverly end the tale. I recommend reading *Frog Brings Rain* if you enjoy imaginative folk tales!