

eReader (iPad) iBook Literature Circles Lesson Plan

Content Area: All

Grade Levels 2-12

Features and Materials: An eReader, iBook app, and downloaded iBooks

ISTE Standards: Communication and Collaboration (2b), Research and Information Fluency (3b)

21st Century Skills: Critical thinking and communication

Activity Overview

In this activity, students will clarify word meaning and pronunciation by participating in a literature circle.

Procedure

1. Select a book for students to read, and load the book onto an iBook app (with iPad). Arrange students into small heterogeneous groups.
2. Give students a graphic organizer that includes the following columns:
 - a. Word
 - b. Definition
 - c. Synonym
 - d. Sentence from book
3. In the small group, read the section together. Pause periodically as students come to unfamiliar words.
4. Take turns selecting students to identify the definition of the unfamiliar word by holding their finger on the word and selecting "Dictionary." Ask students to add details to their graphic organizers for the unfamiliar words.
5. Take turns discussing the meaning of vocabulary words by using context clues.
6. Allow students time to discuss the selected reading.

Extension

Ask students to identify a word in the chapter and select the "Search" function to find the word in other sections of the book. Ask students to read the other identified sentences to gather meaning from context.