

| 15 | Elaborate: (concreate practice/application with relevant learning task -connections from content to real-life experiences) Discussion Questions: <br> - What led up to the events in this chapter? Who set this in motion? (Furlough) <br> - Why is Lester (dad) saying that Despereaux can't be his son? Why is he calling Despereaux crazy? <br> - How do we think Lester is feeling? How do we know? <br> - How does Antoinette (mom) feel about all of this? How do we know? <br> - Mouse council= foreshadowing <br> - Do we think this is serious? <br> - What could happen? <br> - Tribunal is another word for council. (Court of justice) <br> - What type of punishment do we think might befall Despereaux? <br> - What does Antoinette covering her ears tell us about the drum? How does this develop the tone of this chapter? (mood) <br> - Do you think Despereaux heard this drum? <br> - Does Despereaux even know that Furlough (brother) saw the Pea (princess) touch him? <br> - Does Despereaux know what the drum means? Why or why not? <br> - Why did Lester (dad) beat the drum in all directions? <br> - Go over meaning of "staccato" <br> - What do you think this drumbeat sounds like? Do you think the drumbeat was slow or fast? Why? What does this say about the tone? Do it on the table. <br> - How did Despereaux's actions put the entire mouse community at risk? <br> - How does chapter six ending with the drumbeat make you feel? (eerie?) <br> - How does this set up the feel of the next chapter? (serious, ominous-what this means) <br> - After reading this chapter, what can we add to our flip book? <br> On Despereaux tab <br> - Mainly in relationships column (parents sentenced him to trial, Furlough turned him in; family has more loyalty to community than to their own family.) <br> - See what ideas students can come up with by themselves. <br> * Blue highlighting=most important questions to hit if in time crunch |  |
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| 2 | Closure (wrap up and transition to next activity): <br> - Ask students for a quick recap of what happen <br> - Assign chapter 1-4 quiz. Due Friday (next time <br> - If out of time, assign Despereaux flipbook. <br> - Dismiss students, reminding them of what they | chapter six. <br> meet) <br> work on next, if necessary. |
| Format <br> - Prog lea | Assessment: (linked to objective, during learning) ss monitoring throughout lesson (document of student g, data collection) <br> ontribution to accurate recall of previous chapters iscussion question answers <br> ipbook ideas | Summative Assessment (linked back to standard, END of learning) <br> - Quiz over chapters 1-4 |

## Teacher Reflection (What went well? What did the students learn? How do you know? What changes would you make?):

Some things that I thought went well were the questions I asked, the answers students gave, and overall engagement. Students needed to think for a while to come up with answers to my questions, which told me that they were good, probing questions. When students gave their answers, I was often surprised. They were able to dig much deeper into the content than I was expecting them to. Students seemed eager to answer questions and asked a few questions of their own that promoted deeper analysis of the chapter. Student engagement was especially high when we were discussing the drumbeat and they were able to beat on the table to show how they thought the beat should sound.

From this lesson, students gained a better understanding of how to analyze and ask questions about what they are reading. Their learning was evidenced by them asking their own questions while we were discussing and being able to answer my questions. I was also able to see their deeper understanding of the text when they were vocalizing their thoughts while filling out the flipbook. The flipbook has a page for each character. We were working on filling out some pieces of Despereaux's page. One of the prompts was "What I can learn from him." I was planning on focusing more on the "Relationships with others" piece that day, but R jumped right on what he learned from this chapter. Without hesitation he said that this chapter shows that we should, "Think about what we do before we do it." I was pleasantly surprised by his answer and could really tell that he was understanding what he was reading.

If I were to make changes to this lesson, I would start by limiting the number of questions that I asked. While I felt the questions I prepared were good, I could have narrowed them down more to focus just on the main parts of the chapter. This way, I would have been able to facilitate better quality discussion. Another reason I would have limited the number of questions is because I ran over time due to the amount that I had.

I would also change the way in which I questioned students. While I would still need to be providing questions, I would have liked to have students come up with their own questions to better demonstrate their understanding of how to ask questions while they read.

Even though I explained to students at the beginning of the lesson why we would be rereading chapter six, I must not have explained it well enough. At the end of the lesson, I had some students asking me why we had to reread. The next time I do a lesson like this, I will be sure to explain why we are doing the activity and also ask for any questions students have. I would also ask for students to explain back to me why we are rereading. I feel that asking for questions and an explanation would cause students to focus more on what was being said instead of the information going in one ear and out the other.

Another thing I would change about this lesson is how I explained why we were doing it the way that we did. I let them know why we were rereading, but I did not stop to ask if they knew why we were taking the time to stop and ask questions. If I were to do this lesson again, I would be sure to explain to students how stopping to ask questions while reading benefits their understanding of what is happening. I would explain that using this strategy is helpful for understanding all genres/subjects. I would also explain that they can use this strategy throughout the rest of their education (elementary through high school, and even college). Once again, I assumed that they already had this knowledge. In the future, I will add this type of clarification in my lessons just in case. That way, if students do not have that prior knowledge, I am ready to help them understand.

