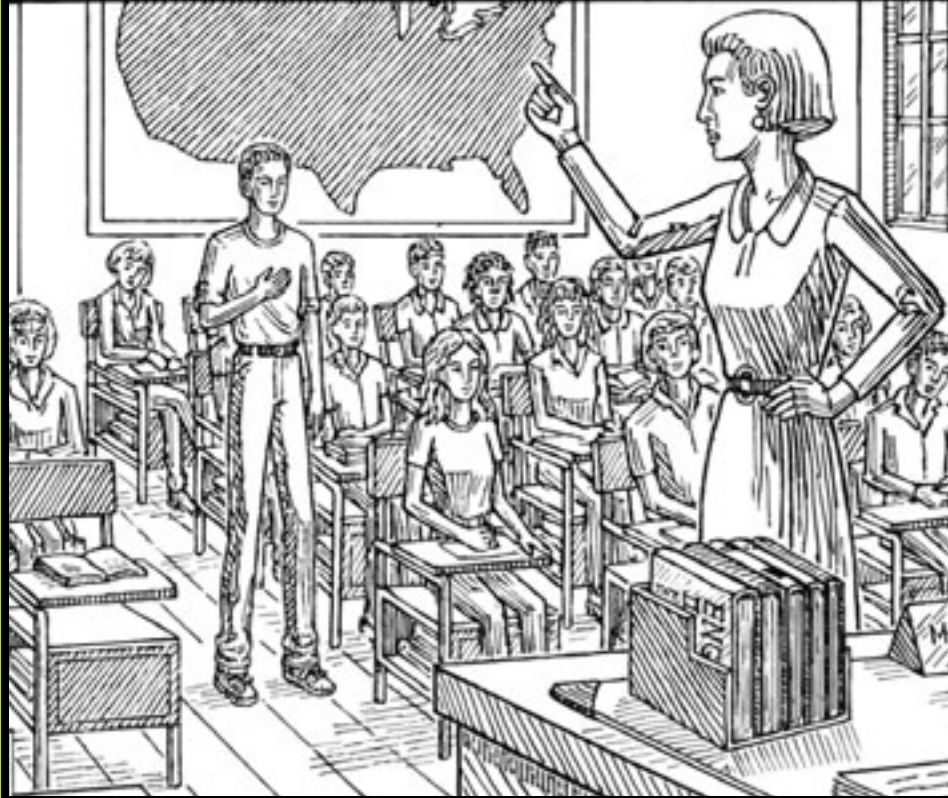


Novel·Ties

NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

Avi



A Study Guide

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For the Teacher

This reproducible study guide consists of instructional material to use in conjunction with the novel *Nothing But The Truth*. Written in chapter-by-chapter format, the guide contains a synopsis, pre-reading activities, vocabulary and comprehension exercises, as well as extension activities to be used as follow-up to the novel.

NOVEL-TIES are either for whole class instruction using a single title or for group instruction where each group uses a different novel appropriate to its reading level. Depending upon the amount of time allotted to it in the classroom, each novel, with its guide and accompanying lessons, may be completed in two to four weeks.

The first step in using NOVEL-TIES is to distribute to each student a copy of the novel and a folder containing all of the duplicated worksheets. Begin instruction by selecting several pre-reading activities in order to set the stage for the reading ahead. Vocabulary exercises for each chapter always precede the reading so that new words will be reinforced in the context of the book. Use the questions on the chapter worksheets for class discussion or as written exercises.

The benefits of using NOVEL-TIES are numerous. Students read good literature in the original, rather than in abridged or edited form. The good reading habits formed by practice in focusing on interpretive comprehension and literary techniques will be transferred to the books students read independently. Passive readers become active, avid readers.

CHAPTERS 1 – 5

Vocabulary: Draw a line from each word on the left to its meaning on the right. Then use the numbered words to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

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| 1. document | a. modern or current |
| 2. documentary | b. not part of the required course of study in a school |
| 3. anthem | c. money paid for being taught in a college or private school |
| 4. extracurricular | d. any printed or written record used to prove something |
| 5. facilitate | e. make easier |
| 6. contemporary | f. story presented in a book, film, or TV show that is based mainly on facts |
| 7. tuition | g. official song of a country, school, etc. |

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1. "The Star-Spangled Banner" is the national _____ of the United States.
2. To obtain a passport, you must produce a(n) _____, such as a birth certificate, to prove you are a citizen
3. Sarah would like to go to a private college, but the _____ is too high.
4. If I had a computer, it would _____ my work.
5. Lee likes _____ music, while his twin brother prefers the music of Beethoven.
6. Janet has to give up all _____ activities until she improves her grades.
7. I learned more watching a(n) _____ on television about the Civil War than I did in a history textbook.

Chapters 1 – 5 (cont.)

Special Activity:

Avi calls *Nothing But the Truth* a documentary novel, because he presents the plot and the order of events in the story through a series of imaginary documents.

The chart below contains a description of some of the documents found in the first five chapters. Use the documents listed in the Word Box to complete the “Document” column in the chart. Then look in the book to find an example of each kind of document.

WORD BOX		
diary	letter	transcript
exam	memo	

Description	Document	Example
1. brief communication that gives directions or information		
2. written or typed copy of the exact words spoken		
3. personal message addressed to a person or organization		
4. written test of knowledge		
5. daily record of personal activities, thoughts, and feelings		