## Novel-Ties



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## For the Teacher

This reproducible study guide to use in conjunction with the novel Jake Drake, Bully Buster consists of lessons for guided reading. Written in chapter-bychapter 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.

In a homogeneous classroom, whole class instruction with one title is appropriate. In a heterogeneous classroom, reading groups should be formed: each group works on a different novel at its own reading level. Depending upon the length of time devoted to reading in the classroom, each novel, with its guide and accompanying lessons, may be completed in three to six weeks.

Begin using NOVEL-TIES for reading development by distributing the novel and a folder to each child. Distribute duplicated pages of the study guide for students to place in their folders. After examining the cover and glancing through the book, students can participate in several pre-reading activities. Vocabulary questions should be considered prior to reading a chapter; all other work should be done after the chapter has been read. Comprehension questions can be answered orally or in writing. The classroom teacher should determine the amount of work to be assigned, always keeping in mind that readers must be nurtured and that the ultimate goal is encouraging students' love of reading.

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.

## Pre-Reading Activities (cont.)

5. Anticipation Guide: Place a check $[\checkmark]$ next to each statement that you agree with in the "Before You Read" column. After you finish the book, return to the chart and place a check [ $\checkmark$ ] that you agree with in the "After You Read" column. Did you change any of your responses?

|  | Before <br> You Read | After <br> You Read |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. There will always be bullies. |  |  |
| 2. Some children can expect to be bullied. |  |  |
| 3. Adults should punish bullies. |  |  |
| 4. You should fight back if you are bullied. |  |  |
| 5. It is dangerous to get involved if you |  |  |
| see someone being bullied. |  |  |
| 6. It is important to report to adults any |  |  |
| time you see someone being bullied. |  |  |
| 7. Bullying cannot be stopped. |  |  |
| 8. It is best to ignore bullies. |  |  |



Vocabulary: Choose a word from the Word Box that matches each clue. Write that word on the right. The letters in the boxes going down spell out Jake Drake's biggest problem.

| WORD BOX |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| brainy <br> challenge | crime laundry <br> goodies  | snuffled |  |$\quad$| theory |
| :--- |

1. very smart
2. spoke through the nose
3. something hard to do
4. what is being washed

