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Moon Over Manifest

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A Study Guide

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For the Teacher

This reproducible study guide to use in conjunction with the book *Moon Over Manifest* consists of lessons for guided reading. 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.

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 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.

Prohibition

The period of Prohibition in United States history was 1920–1933 when the 18th Amendment to the Constitution was in force. The passage of this amendment prohibited the manufacture, transportation, and sale of intoxicating liquors. It represented the culmination of a long campaign by proponents of temperance. This led to bootlegging, or the illegal distribution of liquor, and increased organized crime activity. Public opinion insisted on its repeal by the passage of the 21st Amendment in 1933.

Ku Klux Klan

Often abbreviated KKK and informally known as The Klan, the Ku Klux Klan is the name of three distinct past and present far-right organizations in the United States, which have advocated white supremacy, white nationalism, and anti-immigration, historically expressed through terrorism.

The first Klan flourished in the South in the 1860s, then died out by the early 1870s. Members adopted white costumes: robes, masks, and conical hats, designed to be outlandish and terrifying, and to hide their identities. The second KKK flourished nationwide in the early and mid 1920s, and adopted the same costumes and code words as the first Klan, while introducing cross burnings. The third KKK emerged after World War II and was associated with opposing the civil rights movement and progress among minorities.

Pre-Reading Activities and Discussion Questions

Plot Details

1936

Abilene travels alone to Manifest, Kansas.

1917–1918

Jinx gets off a train and arrives in Manifest, Kansas.