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Grade 3: Module 1: Unit 1: Lesson 9

Close Reading of *That Book Woman*: How Did People Access Books in Rural Areas of the United States?



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Long-Term Targets Addressed (Based on NYSP12 ELA CCLS)

- I can identify the main message or lesson of a story using key details from the text. (RL.3.2)
- I can describe the characters in a story (their traits, motivations, feelings). (RL.3.3)
- I can describe how a character's actions contribute to the events in the story. (RL.3.3)
- I can document what I learn about a topic by sorting evidence into categories. (W.3.8)
- I can effectively participate in a conversation with my peers and adults. (SL.3.1)

Supporting Learning Targets

- I can identify the main message of *That Book Woman* by reading excerpts from the text closely.
- I can sort key details from *That Book Woman* into categories.
- I can describe what the main character wanted and what he did.
- I can discuss how the main message of *That Book Woman* is conveyed through key details.

Ongoing Assessment

- Close Read recording form (parts 1 and 2)



Agenda	Teaching Notes
<ol style="list-style-type: none">Opening<ol style="list-style-type: none">Engaging the Reader and Building Fluency: Read-aloud of <i>That Book Woman</i> (10 minutes)Unpacking the Learning Targets (5 minutes)Work Time<ol style="list-style-type: none">Rereading on Your Own: Capturing the Gist (20 minutes)Reading Again for Important Details: Somebody In Wanted But So (20 minutes)Closing and Assessment<ol style="list-style-type: none">Debrief (5 minutes)Homework<ol style="list-style-type: none">Find Kentucky on a map of the United States. Talk to someone at home about how people got books in rural Kentucky a long time ago. How is it different from how you get books now where you live?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In advance: Because <i>That Book Woman</i> is a more complex text, students need access to excerpts from the book to complete the close reading cycle. See supporting materials for a list of appropriate excerpts.Review: Helping Students Read Closely (Appendix 1).Prepare an anchor chart: Close Reading recording form for <i>That Book Woman</i>.



Lesson Vocabulary	Materials
dialect, Appalachia, rural, gist, excerpt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>That Book Woman</i> by Heather Henson (book; one for teacher) • Document camera and projector • Close Read recording form anchor chart for <i>Rain School</i> anchor chart and Close Read recording form anchor chart for <i>Nasreen's Secret School</i> (from Lessons 2 and 6, respectively) • Excerpts from <i>That Book Woman</i> • Close Read recording form (one per student) • Conversation Criteria Checklist (for teacher use; from Lesson 4) • Chart paper for the anchor chart: Close Read recording form for <i>That Book Woman</i>

Opening	Meeting Students' Needs
<p>A. Engaging the Reader and Building Fluency: Read-aloud of <i>That Book Woman</i> (10 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather students in a circle. Tell them that today they are going to be hearing and reading a new story called <i>That Book Woman</i> by Heather Henson; tell students that the language in this book is going to sound different from the language in the books they have heard so far because the author wrote it in the <i>dialect</i> some people speak in the Appalachian region of Kentucky. Do not explain the story. Simply define dialect as “the language of a certain group.” Students can revisit this idea, and connect it to their own lives, after reading the text. • As with other read-alouds in this unit, ask students to follow along in their text. (This promotes fluency.) Tell them that they should read along as the story is being read to them. • Project the book <i>That Book Woman</i> and read the entire text slowly, fluently, without interruption. If students get excited and want to talk about the text, remind them: “Just like the other books we have read, you will have a chance to reread this story and talk about it today and tomorrow.” <p><i>Note: It is important that this text is read without interruption. The purpose is to acquaint students with the text, not aid them in comprehension through questioning or discussion.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When introducing new vocabulary, consider having the words written on index cards. Show the card to students when talking about the word. Then post the word on a word wall. This is helpful to visual learners.



Opening (continued)	Meeting Students' Needs
<p>B. Unpacking the Learning Targets (5 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direct students to the learning targets for this lesson. Tell students that this is the third time they have worked with close reading and these learning targets. Read each target individually, reminding students of what they are doing for each target. After reading each target and explaining it, gauge confidence with the learning targets using a thumbs-up, thumbs-sideways, or thumbs-down.	
Work Time	Meeting Students' Needs
<p>A. Rereading on Your Own: Capturing the Gist (20 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students will need access to the excerpts from <i>That Book Woman</i> and the Close Read recording form.• Remind students of the close reading work they have done so far. For each text, they did two important things during their first independent read: They tried to find the gist for each section and wrote their idea on a sticky note as well as underlined or wrote down unfamiliar words on sticky notes.• Explain to students that this story will be a little more difficult due to the <i>dialect</i> in which it is written. Consider saying something such as: “All readers come across texts written in language that is unfamiliar and difficult. This happens if I read text written a long time ago, or a text written in a style of speaking I do not know very well. When this happens, capturing the gist of the text is especially important. If you get confused, look for all the words you do know and try to figure out who is the main character in story and what is happening. Try not to get stuck on every word you do not recognize. Write it down and move on.”• Remind students to read just one section at a time, capturing the gist of each section before moving on.• Tell students that their text will look a little different from the book. This is because they will be reading <i>excerpts</i> of the story. Define the word <i>excerpts</i> as parts of the text.• Allow students 15 minutes to work with the text on their own. As they work, circulate and support students as needed.• After 15 minutes, ask students to fill in the top box, which asks for their ideas about the lesson of the story, on their Close Read recording form. Once they have done this, tell students they will now have 10 minutes to discuss, in small groups or partnerships, the reading work they have done so far.	



Work Time (continued)	Meeting Students' Needs
<p>B. Reading Again for Important Details: Somebody In Wanted But So (SIWBS) (20 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather students back in a circle. Direct their attention to the Close Read recording form anchor chart for Rain School anchor chart and Close Read recording form anchor chart for Nasreen's Secret School. Use these to review the categories students used to collect important details. Remind students that they were looking for characters, setting, motivation, problem, and solution. Discuss these to clarify and activate prior knowledge. • After 10 minutes of independent close reading time, invite students to once again discuss their reading work in their groups. Ask students to go through each category of note-taking, giving every student in their group a chance to share their ideas. Tell them that when there is a difference between two students' ideas, it is important to notice that and discuss why each made the decision they made. • As students work, continue gathering data about students' discussion skills on the Conversation Criteria Checklist. • Point out to students that our understanding of a story gets deeper or changes when we reread, paying attention to details that relate to the main message or lesson. • Direct students to fill in the last section of their Close Read recording form. "NOW what do you think the lesson of this story is? Why do you think this?" • Gather students back in a circle. Invite students to assist in completing the anchor chart: Close Read recording form for That Book Woman. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The language of <i>That Book Woman</i> may prove especially challenging to ELL students. Consider providing the illustrations to aid their comprehension. • As an extension activity, consider having students in a group complete the second part of the close read from a secondary character's point of view. For example, what is the mother's motivation in the story? What is her problem? What is the solution through her eyes?
Closing and Assessment	Meeting Students' Needs
<p>A. Debrief (5 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debrief with the questions: "How did the language of this story change the experience for you?" and "How did reading the text closely multiple times help you?" 	
Homework	Meeting Students' Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find Kentucky on a map of the United States. Talk to someone at home about how people got books in rural Kentucky a long time ago. How is it different from how you get books now where you live? 	



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Supporting Materials



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Excerpts from *That Book Woman*

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Because *That Book Woman* is a very challenging text, students will only be asked to read excerpts for their close reading. This approach is similar to how older students might read a short passage of a primary source document.

This page shows on which page(s) each excerpt can be found, as well as the starting and ending phrase of the relevant excerpt.

Pages 1–4

Beginning: “My folks and me—”

Ending: “... when they take a-wander.”

Page 7

Beginning: “And I do not fancy it one bit.”

Ending: “But me, I am not scholar boy.”

Page 12

Beginning: “Now what that lady brings ...”

Ending: “... and all for naught, I reckon.”

Page 15

Beginning: “To my surprise...”

Ending: “... she’ll come again to swap these books for more!”

Page 16

Beginning: “Now me ...”

Ending: “That horse of hers sure must be brave, I reckon.”

Pages 21–22

Beginning: “I stand a spell to watch ...”

Ending: “... and quiet-like we start to read.”

Pages 27–28

Beginning: “I open up the book ...”

Ending: “... it makes me smile right back.”



Close Read Recording Form

Name:

Date:

Close Read Recording Form for book:

Capturing the Gist of a Story

After reading this for the first time on your own, what do you think the lesson of this story is?



Close Read Recording Form

Gathering Important Details in a Story

Somebody ... (character)	
in ... (setting)	
wanted ... (motivation)	
but ... (problem)	
so ... (resolution)	
<p>After thinking more closely about the characters and their motivations, <i>now</i> what do you think the lesson of this story is? Why do you think this?</p>	

¹Kylene Beers, *When Kids Can't Read: What Teachers Can Do* (Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann, 2003), 144–49.