

DECOMPOSITION

Focus Lesson: Decomposition

Materials:

Log Hotel by Anne Schreiber
 Paper for 4 part story (attached)
 Markers and/or crayons

Time: 45 minutes

*Common Core Standards:

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.1.2

Retell stories, including key details, and demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson.

Thinking Skill:

**Picking out a main idea
 Summarizing
 Order of events**

Objective:

Students will understand that decomposition is a process that happens naturally over time with the help of many different plants and animals.

Students will be able to recall the sequence of events from the story and summarize what happened in the story.

Connection:

Students will see that nothing in nature happens on its own, everything is interconnected.

Explicit Instruction:

Start a guided discussion with students about their prior knowledge of decomposition.

Possible questions:

- What is decomposition?
- When something starts to decompose what happens to it? What does it look like?
- Have you seen anything recently decomposing in nature? What did it look like?
- What plants and animals do you think are involved in decomposition?

Read *Log Hotel* by Anne Schreiber

Guided Practice:

Split students into groups of 2 or 4. In these small groups have students discuss what they think happened in the story and what the main idea was.

**Independent Practice:**

Hand out 4 part story sheet and have students fill it out. If students finish quickly you can prompt them to add more detail to their summary and to add pictures to go along with what they have written. Students can also be encouraged to think about a definition for decomposition.

Reflection – Group Share:

Bring the class back together and allow a few students to share their 4 part story sheets with the class. Have students share what they learned about decomposition that they did not know before they read *Log Hotel*.

Reading list:

Log Hotel by Anne Schreiber

Teacher Note:

Name _____

Date _____

Important Idea

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SUMMARY