

Character Based Literacy Program 40-Minute Lesson Plan

Lisa, Bright and Dark, Day 1



Standards for Writing

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PREPARE

Background Gather background knowledge about a place, time, event, person, or thing.



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What is mental illness?

Mental illnesses are medical conditions that disrupt a person's thinking, feeling, mood, ability to relate to others and daily functioning.

Mental illness can affect people of any age, race, religion, or income. Mental illnesses are not the result of personal weakness, lack of character or poor upbringing. Medical help from trained professionals is available through individual treatment plans.

Word Wall Here are five vocabulary words to teach and add to the Word Wall.

Introduce 5 important, useful words from today's reading.

astonished	sheepishly	psychiatrist	ravishingly	rankles
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- Show, say, explain, expand, explode or buzz about the word briefly
- Show, say and define the word quickly and add to the word wall

READ

Review Review the timeline from the beginning every day.

Start at the beginning and review the story so far

- Mention the setting and main character
- Point to each timeline item as you quickly review it

Read Read the selection, usually in a Shared Reading *Read React Predict Cycle* of 2-3 pages.

p. 7-16

Setting	Characters	Pages
At Lisa's home	Lisa, Mom, Dad, Sister, M.N.	9-11
Unclear of setting	Betsy introduces the main characters	12-16

RESPOND

Timeline Agree on the facts in today's reading and list the 3-5 most important on the timeline.

Discuss the reading and add 3-5 events to the timeline

- Discuss the story to *fix the facts*: who, what, when, where, why
- Decide on the 3-5 most important events and add these to the timeline

Students might mention:

- Lisa announces her concerns to her family. They ignore her and walk away.
- Her friends grow more concerned about Lisa
- Betsy gives us a view of the main characters
- The mutual friend of Lisa and Betsy is M.N.= Mary Nell

EXPLORE

Analyze Analyze the key paragraph.

Key Paragraph, p. 10

"You've seen too many movies,' Mr. Shilling said.

"Who else has a psychiatrist, Lisa, in your class?' Her mother wanted to know"
(p. 10).

EXTEND

Write Have each student write a short product based on today's prompt to connect to the unit theme.

Lisa is clearly asking for help. She knows something is wrong with her and wants to talk to someone who will understand and "know what to do." Lisa's parents should respond with concern. How does each parent respond? Why do you think they react this way? Are they taking her concerns seriously? What happens when you share something very important and you know the other person is hearing you, but not really listening? How can you get them to listen to you and help you?

In a two-paragraph narrative essay, respond to the questions above. The first paragraph will focus on Lisa's dilemma with her parents and the second paragraph should examine your own personal connection when you felt like the person you sought help from did not give you what you needed. Six to eight sentences per paragraph is required in order to fully respond to the questions with depth and detail.

Close Close by extending today's lesson to life and the world.

Extend the reading to the student's lives or to the world

Character Based Literacy Program 40-Minute Lesson Plan

Lisa, Bright and Dark, Day 2



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Some of the symptoms of mental illness include the following: inability to concentrate, loss of energy, excessive fears and worries, detachment from reality, major changes in eating habits, withdrawal from friends and activities, severe mood swings and suicidal thinking.

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inaudibly	hindsight	indecisive	instinctively	staunching
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READ

Review Review the timeline from the beginning every day.

Read Read the selection, usually in a Shared Reading *Read React Predict* Cycle of 2-3 pages.

p. 16-26

Setting	Characters	Pages
The Fickett's home	M.N., Lisa, Brian, group of kids	16-20
Explanation of what is happening to Lisa	Betsy	21-24
Under Mr. Milne's desk	M.N., Lisa, Betsy	25-26

RESPOND

Timeline Agree on the facts in today's reading and list the 3-5 most important on the timeline.

Students might mention:

- Betsy tells the story of how Brian and Lisa were in love
- M.N. tells Betsy the story of Lisa's yelling at group
- Brian breaks up with Lisa
- Betsy recognizes Lisa's moods by how she is dressed

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- Lisa is found under a desk poking holes in herself

EXPLORE

Analyze Analyze the key paragraph.

Key Paragraph, p. 21

“When she was in school, we began being able to tell when Lisa was having a black day, as we began to call them, and when she was having a fairly good bright day” (p. 21).

EXTEND

Write Have each student write a short product based on today’s prompt to connect to the unit theme.

In today’s reading, Betsy thoroughly describes Lisa’s emotions, attitude, style of dress, and overall mood. She paints a clear picture of what it’s like for Lisa, and for those around her, to experience this form of mental illness. So far, Lisa’s parents and the school have let her down. In other words, they seem to be in denial about what is happening to Lisa and they are not getting the help she needs. Her friends are the only ones who seem to notice that she needs serious intervention.

In a three-paragraph narrative essay you will examine a few perspectives. In the first paragraph, describe a bright and dark day for Lisa. Be very specific in your description. You may need to refer to the text. In the second paragraph, compare your good and bad days to Lisa’s. How are they different and how are they similar? In the third paragraph, express how you feel about the adults not being responsible and attentive towards the care of Lisa.

Close Close by extending today’s lesson to life and the world.

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Character Based Literacy Program 40-Minute Lesson Plan

Lisa, Bright and Dark, Day 3



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Refer to the list of mental health symptoms from the previous day's reading. Compare these with Lisa's symptoms. Discuss as a whole group the similarities and differences.

Word Wall Here are five vocabulary words to teach and add to the Word Wall.

hysteria	phonies	self-conscious	diagnosed	abominable
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READ

Review Review the timeline from the beginning every day.

Read Read the selection, usually in a Shared Reading *Read React Predict Cycle* of 2-3 pages.

p. 26-38

Setting	Characters	Pages
High School	Betsy	26-32
	Betsy, Lisa, M.N., school staff, Elizabeth	33-36
Walking home from school	Betsy, M.N., Lisa	36-38

RESPOND

Timeline Agree on the facts in today's reading and list the 3-5 most important on the timeline.

Students might mention:

- Mr. Bernstein, the counselor, recommends a break from school for Lisa
- Lisa is sent on vacation by herself to reduce her stress
- Lisa returns to school with no improvement
- Lisa shares that she was in a "rest home"
- M.N. decides that she and Betsy are going to help Lisa all on their own

EXPLORE

Analyze Analyze the key paragraph.

Key Paragraph, p. 38

“‘We have to convince Lisa’s family that she’s in real danger,’ M.N. said after a moment. ‘We’ll go to her house and tell her parents what’s happening in school, and that Lisa wasn’t kidding, after all. They can’t help but be upset and they’ll have to get some professional help for her’” (p. 38).

EXTEND

Write Have each student write a short product based on today’s prompt to connect to the unit theme.

M. N. and Betsy want to help Lisa. They now realize how serious of a problem Lisa has. They feel like it’s up to them or she won’t get the help she needs. M.N. and her ever-positive attitude, believes that she can convince Lisa’s parents that she needs professional help.

In a two-paragraph narrative essay, state what you think M.N. will say to the Shillings in the first paragraph. In the second paragraph, what would you say to them if given the opportunity?

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Character Based Literacy Program 40-Minute Lesson Plan

Lisa, Bright and Dark, Day 4



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History of Mental Illness

In ancient times, many cultures viewed mental illness as a form of religious punishment or demonic possession. During the Middle Ages, people who suffered from mental illness were thought to be in need of religion. Negative theories continued into the 18th century. In the U.S., mentally ill people were confined to unsanitary and degrading institutions. By the mid-1800s, the negative stigmatization started to change. Mental health advocates demanded better care and deinstitutionalization, which improved the treatment and quality of life. Today, there are many high-quality treatment programs and long-term psychiatric care. With the addition of government-funded health programs, the public's perception of those who are inflicted with mental illness has vastly improved.

Word Wall Here are five vocabulary words to teach and add to the Word Wall.

dawdled	arcs	intruded	misinterpreted	presumptuous
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READ

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p. 39-44

Setting	Characters	Pages
Shilling's home	M.N., Brian, Betsy, Mrs. Shilling	39-44
Bernstein's office	Mr. Bernstein, Betsy	39-44

RESPOND

Timeline Agree on the facts in today's reading and list the 3-5 most important on the timeline.

Students might mention:

- Betsy and M.N. start helping Lisa by trying to get adults involved
- M.N. tried to convince Mrs. Shilling
- Betsy tried to get help from school counselor Mr. Bernstein
- Mrs. Shilling was in denial of any issue with Lisa
- Mr. Bernstein could not do anything to help due to repercussions from Lisa's parents

EXPLORE

Analyze Analyze the key paragraph.

Key Paragraph, p. 44

“Furthermore, she didn’t appreciate the fact that I, a presumptuous sixteen-year-old child, should come to tell her about her own family and how to run it, thank you very much...”

‘Mrs. Shilling is nothing if not a plainspoken woman,’ M.N. said with a mean sort of smile. ‘Anyway, she knows her family well enough to take care of it, she said. Hadn’t she just spent God knows how much money sending Lisa away for six whole weeks to do nothing but laze around in the sun dreaming?’” (p. 44).

EXTEND

Write Have each student write a short product based on today's prompt to connect to the unit theme.

Write a two paragraph narrative essay by answering the following questions: What is the inference Mrs. Shilling is making in the key paragraph? Does she really know what is going on in her family? What do you think went through Mrs. Shilling’s mind when she found out that Lisa repeatedly poked holes in her hand? What does she think when Lisa has her drastic mood swings? What is she thinking when Lisa wears clothes that reflect her extreme happiness or harrowing sadness? What does Mrs. Shilling think when Lisa tells her she needs help? Why would her parents let her go on a rest for six weeks all by herself?

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How to give an effective speech?

When preparing to give a speech, adhere to the following guidelines:

Be clear, specific, descriptive; state your main idea right away; practice it beforehand; write down important notes/facts/observations for reference and be genuine by showing your compassion and desire to improve and resolve the situation/conflict/area of concern.

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schizophrenia	gulch	haughtily	psychology	theology
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p. 45-56

Setting	Characters	Pages
M.N.'s home	Lisa, Betsy, M.N.	45-56

RESPOND

Timeline Agree on the facts in today's reading and list the 3-5 most important on the timeline.

Students might mention:

- The first group therapy session for Lisa
- M.N and Betsy confront Lisa with their ideas
- Lisa listens and tells them it will be very hard
- Lisa advises them to include Elizabeth

- M.N. and Betsy start reading all they can about mental illness

EXPLORE

Analyze Analyze the key paragraph.

Key Paragraph, p. 48

“Betsy,’ Lisa said, ‘*that’s* what scares me the most. I already know what’s happened. What I don’t know is what’s coming next. I can’t turn anything off. I tried to, in Florida. But now it’s here and almost comfortable, if you know what I mean. Familiar. I even like it a little, though it scares me. About the only thing I can think to do is sink into it. Sink in and let them take me away when the time comes.’ She said this without bitterness, without fear, like a weather report on the telephone: flat, emotionless, distant” (p. 48).

EXTEND

Write Have each student write a short product based on today’s prompt to connect to the unit theme.

In today’s reading, Lisa seems very receptive to Betsy and M.N.’s desire to want to help her. Lisa even empathized with them when they told her that her parents and Dr. Bernstein were not very supportive and seemed very hesitant in wanting to help Lisa.

In a two-paragraph narrative essay, respond to the following questions: Lisa said she already knows what’s happened. What do you think she means by that? What does Lisa mean when she says she does not know what’s coming next? What is she comfortable with and feels she likes “it” a little? How is Lisa handling her mental illness? Why would she talk about being taken “away when the time comes”? Why do you think her friends are enough to sustain her spirit? Should they be doing more? Why or why not?

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Lisa, Bright and Dark, Day 6



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Have students take a look at these famous speeches. Have them write down the things people say to make them powerful. Have students take notes on beginning, middle and end of these speeches.

<http://www.famousquotes.me.uk/speeches/index.htm>

Word Wall Here are five vocabulary words to teach and add to the Word Wall.

deception	futile	patronizing	decompression	Incident
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READ

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p. 56-66

Setting	Characters	Pages
High school	Betsy, Mr. Bernstein	56-57
	Betsy, Elizabeth, M.N., students in cafeteria	57-60
Front of school	Betsy, Elizabeth, M.N.	60-61
Walking home from school	Betsy, M.N.	61
Home of Betsy	Betsy, Lisa	61-66

RESPOND

Timeline Agree on the facts in today's reading and list the 3-5 most important on the timeline.

Students might mention:

- Girls talk to Elizabeth about helping them with Lisa

- Girls wait for Lisa, who does not show up
- Girls go to their own homes
- Betsy gets an unexpected visitor, Lisa
- Lisa asks Betsy never to lie to her and to always be truthful

EXPLORE

Analyze Analyze the key paragraph.

Key Paragraph. p. 61

“‘I guess Elizabeth has something we don’t,’ I said. ‘It certainly grabbed Lisa. We can’t afford to lose her now because she seems sort of cold. We don’t need her. Lisa does. So,’ I said smiling, ‘smile’” (p. 61).

EXTEND

Write Have each student write a short product based on today’s prompt to connect to the unit theme.

Betsy was trying to be mature and objective in her attempts to reason with M.N., after their conversation with Elizabeth. **In descriptive detail (provide 2 quotes from the novel) about why M.N. is mad at Elizabeth. What do you see as positive personality traits in Betsy? What about M.N.? What do you think Betsy instinctively knows about Elizabeth? Formulate your response in two narrative paragraphs.**

Close Close by extending today’s lesson to life and the world.

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Lisa, Bright and Dark, Day 7



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Have students pick a topic from the following website. Have them research information to prove their point. Have students practice taking notes.

<http://k6educators.about.com/cs/helpforteachers/a/impromptuspeech.htm>

Word Wall Here are five vocabulary words to teach and add to the Word Wall.

confidence	symptoms	psychotic	dissect	conniving
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READ

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p. 66-74

Setting	Characters	Pages
Betsy's house	Betsy, Elizabeth, M.N., Lisa	66-74

RESPOND

Timeline Agree on the facts in today's reading and list the 3-5 most important on the timeline.

Students might mention:

- Elizabeth shows up at Betsy's house
- Lisa disappears
- M.N. shows up at Betsy's house
- Lisa appears from a closet in Betsy's house
- The girls start their first therapy session and M.N. is verbally attacked by Lisa

EXPLORE

Analyze Analyze the key paragraph.

Key Paragraph, p. 73

“By that time, M.N. was crying, sort of shaking and just letting tears streak down her cheeks. She sat on the couch, her arms at her sides, crying right along with Lisa” (p. 73).

EXTEND

Write Have each student write a short product based on today’s prompt to connect to the unit theme.

In the paragraph following the Key Paragraph (you may need to refer back to the novel), Lisa abruptly stops crying. Why? What does she do? How does she come across now? (What is Lisa thinking and what is she feeling?) Have the roles of the patient been reversed? Or, are they in this together? What did Lisa ask M.N. to do?

Answer these questions in a one-paragraph (6-8 sentences) narrative response. Be specific and detailed. Quote the author where appropriate.

Close Close by extending today’s lesson to life and the world.

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Lisa, Bright and Dark, Day 8



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Have students start thinking about a topic they will want to do their formal speech. At the end of the week they will present their topic to the class. Here are a few ideas on topics they can use or they can come up with their own topic.

http://jackson.ifas.ufl.edu/4h/documents/TropicSpeech_Topic_Ideas.pdf

Word Wall Here are five vocabulary words to teach and add to the Word Wall.

confidante	reinstated	deacon	devastating	abnormal
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READ

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p. 74-88

Setting	Characters	Pages
	Betsy, Elizabeth, M.N.,	74-76
	M.N., Betsy, Mr. Fickett, Mr. Milne, Lisa, Mr. Shilling	76-81
M.N.'s house	Elizabeth, M.N., Betsy, Lisa	82-88

RESPOND

Timeline Agree on the facts in today's reading and list the 3-5 most important on the timeline.

Students might mention:

- M.N.'s has studied all the books which has made her an expert
- M.N. decides to include her father who turns to Mr. Milne
- Both men address Mr. Shilling with information on Lisa

- The adults fail at convincing Mr. Shilling there is something wrong
- The girls play a joke on M.N. but she takes it seriously

EXPLORE

Analyze Analyze the key paragraph.

Key Paragraph, p. 81

“‘Lisa!’ called her father furiously.

‘No!’ she shouted back. ‘I want help! I need help! I need it! Do something for God’s sake! No, do it for *my* sake!’” (p. 81).

EXTEND

Write Have each student write a short product based on today’s prompt to connect to the unit theme.

Lisa is visibly upset and pleads, again, to her father for help. Shouldn’t this be enough for her parents to see that she has a problem and is not just seeking attention? Why do the Shillings keep denying Lisa’s illness? Do you think that they value the image of maintaining the perfect family more than the health and well-being of their daughter? Why do you think they wouldn’t, at least, ask more questions about how she acts at school? Lisa’s friends and now adults have spoken to Mr. Shilling, but no one seems to be able to help him understand that everything is not perfect. Should Mr. Milne and Mr. Fickett have approached him differently or did they not even have a chance, since it appeared that Mr. Shilling was going to believe what he wanted to believe?

Structure your responses to the questions in a two paragraph narrative essay.

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Lisa, Bright and Dark, Day 9



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Have students take a look at some of the court cases in education. Who is responsible for children, parents or the schools?

<http://www.nsba.org/amicusbriefs>

Word Wall Here are five vocabulary words to teach and add to the Word Wall.

hunch	furious	clever	curious	fascinated
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READ

Review Review the timeline from the beginning every day.

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p. 89-96

Setting	Characters	Pages
At school	Betsy, Mr. Bernstein	89-91
Cafeteria	Betsy, Elizabeth, Lisa, students in cafeteria	91-96

RESPOND

Timeline Agree on the facts in today's reading and list the 3-5 most important on the timeline.

Students might mention:

- Betsy talks to Mr. Bernstein who has a plan
- Mr. Bernstein's plan is to keep things calm until the end of the year
- All of Lisa's teachers agree she needs help
- Betsy reviews Lisa's actions and understands she is getting worse
- Betsy flirts with Brian in the cafeteria

EXPLORE

Analyze Analyze the key paragraph.

Key Paragraph, p. 93

“For another example, one afternoon we were sitting at my house, talking about something our social sciences’ teacher had brought up that day, about one’s image of oneself and the image received by people looking at you. His point was that each of us was guided, to some degree, by what others thought of us, as well as by what we thought of ourselves. Lisa disagreed” (p. 93).

EXTEND

Write Have each student write a short product based on today’s prompt to connect to the unit theme.

Do you agree that we are influenced by others’ perceptions of how they see us? Is the image we have of ourselves different from how others view us? Do we sometimes try to change who we are because we want to impress others and we are worried that if they see us as ourselves they will be disappointed? Are we also at the mercy of what society thinks? In other words, if the media promotes being young and beautiful as requirements for attaining success and happiness, do we then try to find ways to maintain a youthful appearance and become overly concerned with our looks in order to be valued? Should we just conform to our own standards in how we present ourselves, or is it acceptable to also be influenced by outside opinions? **Incorporate your answers into a two-paragraph essay.**

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Lisa, Bright and Dark, Day 10



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sensational	inferior	brittle	circuitous	talisman
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READ

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Read Read the selection, usually in a Shared Reading *Read React Predict Cycle* of 2-3 pages.

p. 97-108

Setting	Characters	Pages
Elizabeth's house	Betsy, Elizabeth, Lisa, M.N.	97-102
school	Elizabeth, Betsy, M.N., Lisa, Tracy	103-108

RESPOND

Timeline Agree on the facts in today's reading and list the 3-5 most important on the timeline.

Students might mention:

- Girls meet at Elizabeth's house without adults
- Lisa physically attacks Elizabeth and girls have to break it up
- Elizabeth seems to be able to handle it and knows what to do
- Lisa makes Betsy and the girls promise if it happens again to call the police
- Betsy has issues exposing Lisa to people outside their group

EXPLORE

Analyze Analyze the key paragraph.

Key Paragraph, p. 104

“That the next time, when I go—nuts, you won’t try to handle it by yourselves. Neither you nor M.N. nor Elizabeth. I want you to call the police” (p. 104).

EXTEND

Write Have each student write a short product based on today’s prompt to connect to the unit theme.

Lisa clearly wants to be responsible for her actions the mental illness has caused. What else does this request about wanting to involve the police say about her as a person? As noted in previous readings, she has repeatedly asked for help because she is aware that something is wrong with her and she is not able to see it coming or control it when she has one of her outbursts. **In a two paragraph narrative response, describe Lisa’s strengths and whether or not you believe she is handling her illness in a good way. In the second paragraph, describe your strengths. Are they similar to Lisa’s?**

Close Close by extending today’s lesson to life and the world.

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Lisa, Bright and Dark, Day 11



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PREPARE

Background Gather background knowledge about a place, time, event, person, or thing.



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Have students take a look at today's mental illness and what our society has done to help those with mental illness.

Word Wall Here are five vocabulary words to teach and add to the Word Wall.

precatatonic	immobility	consommé	absurd	roughshod
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READ

Review Review the timeline from the beginning every day.

Read Read the selection, usually in a Shared Reading *Read React Predict Cycle* of 2-3 pages.

p. 108-117

Setting	Characters	Pages
Betsy's house	Elizabeth, Betsy, Lisa, M.N. Betsy's father	108-117

RESPOND

Timeline Agree on the facts in today's reading and list the 3-5 most important on the timeline.

Students might mention:

- The girls meet at Betsy's and her father walks in
- Lisa is cordial then walks through a glass door
- Betsy uses her readiness to call appropriate people
- Lisa's parents are convinced she was pushed or provoked
- Mrs. Shilling is confronted by Elizabeth, Shilling hits Elizabeth blaming the girls for Lisa's condition, still in denial

EXPLORE

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Analyze Analyze the key paragraph.

Key Paragraph, p. 116

“‘Are you mad?’ Mrs. Shilling answered. ‘There’s nothing at all wrong with Lisa that a little discipline won’t cure. She’s simply a spoiled selfish girl who is showing off for some absurd reason. We have no intention of letting her ride roughshod over us’” (p. 116).

EXTEND

Write Have each student write a short product based on today’s prompt to connect to the unit theme.

Who is the one that is “mad?” (“Mad,” in this context, is synonymous with the word “crazy.”) How is it still possible that Mrs. Shilling does not see that her daughter has a very serious, possibly life threatening, problem? Mrs. Shilling goes on to state that her daughter is spoiled and selfish and that she is taking advantage of them. What do you think Mrs. Shilling is thinking? Is she a stable person? What do you predict her childhood was like? **Respond in a two-paragraph narrative essay.**

Close Close by extending today’s lesson to life and the world

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Lisa, Bright and Dark, Day 12



Standards for Writing

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Word Wall Here are five vocabulary words to teach and add to the Word Wall.

anxieties	optimism	persuade	suspended	determination
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READ

Review Review the timeline from the beginning every day.

Read Read the selection, usually in a Shared Reading *Read React Predict Cycle* of 2-3 pages.

p. 117-123

Setting	Characters	Pages
Betsy's home	Betsy, M.N., Elizabeth, Betsy's father and family	117-119
School	M.N., Betsy	119-120
	Betsy, Brian, M.N.	121-123

RESPOND

Timeline Agree on the facts in today's reading and list the 3-5 most important on the timeline.

Students might mention:

- The girls hate not being in contact with Lisa
- M.N. and Betsy noticed Elizabeth missed a couple of days of school
- Betsy realizes Elizabeth has had some experience with mental illness
- M.N. and Betsy run into Brian and start talking to him
- The girls meet at Elizabeth's house

EXPLORE

Analyze Analyze the key paragraph.

Key Paragraph, p. 122

“And then I wondered what was going on. It had to be something about Lisa, but what? I gave up trying to guess, because I had recently begun to suspect that every time you expect one thing from life, something else usually happens. There was no point in being constantly disappointed” (p. 122).

EXTEND

Write Have each student write a short product based on today’s prompt to connect to the unit theme.

In the key paragraph, Betsy was questioning what was going on with Elizabeth, who had not been in school for the past two days. Elizabeth called Betsy on the phone and asked her to come over for dinner. M.N. was going to join them. Do you agree with Betsy that when you have expectations that something will happen, something else usually happens in its place? Is it always something that you did not expect? When Betsy stated that there’s “no point in being constantly disappointed,” that implies that it’s usually negative. Is that always the case? Reflect on your own life and provide detailed examples of situations where something happened that was not what you expected. Was it good or bad? How did you feel and react? Did you learn anything from the experience? When this happens do you feel constantly disappointed or are you able to see it from a more positive perspective?

Compose your response in a three-paragraph essay.

Close Close by extending today’s lesson to life and the world.

Extend the reading to the student’s lives or to the world

Character Based Literacy Program 40-Minute Lesson Plan

Lisa, Bright and Dark, Day 13



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Have students look at some of the treatments for mental disease.
What are some of the issues with some of the treatments?

Word Wall Here are five vocabulary words to teach and add to the Word Wall.

aquiline	analyst	docilely	Technicolor	extraordinary
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READ

Review Review the timeline from the beginning every day.

Read Read the selection, usually in a Shared Reading *Read React Predict Cycle* of 2-3 pages.

p. 123-130

Setting	Characters	Pages
Elizabeth's house	M.N., Elizabeth, Betsy, Neil Donovan	123-130

RESPOND

Timeline Agree on the facts in today's reading and list the 3-5 most important on the timeline.

Students might mention:

- The girls arrive at Elizabeth's to find Dr. Donovan
- Betsy is very attracted to the Doctor
- The Doctor talks to each of the girls individually about Lisa
- Betsy seems to be more concerned about flirting then talks intensely about Lisa
- A plan is in the making with Dr. Donovan

EXPLORE

Analyze Analyze the key paragraph.

Key Paragraph

“Anyway it wasn’t difficult for him to remember when I was sick. And he agreed that Lisa should have help now, even if her own family is unwilling to give it to her. I’ll pay him back, of course, as soon as I can” (p. 128).

EXTEND

Write Have each student write a short product based on today’s prompt to connect to the unit theme.

We find out that Elizabeth use to see Dr. Donovan for an undisclosed illness. He was able to treat her with success. Now she wants him to give Lisa the treatment she needs in order to get better. Elizabeth’s father offered to pay for Dr. Donovan’s services, and Elizabeth wants to pay him back. What does this tell you about Elizabeth’s character? Describe her personality. She appears to have chosen a life of high moral and ethical values. Do you know anyone, including yourself, who shares these same principles? Would you do the same for a friend? **Respond in a 2-paragraph essay.**

Close Close by extending today’s lesson to life and the world.

Extend the reading to the student’s lives or to the world

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Lisa, Bright and Dark, Day 14



Standards for Writing

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W3e.) Provide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on the narrated experiences or events.

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Have student take a look at different editorials. Have them take notes on what needs to be in an editorial and what should not be in an editorial.

Word Wall Here are five vocabulary words to teach and add to the Word Wall.

unyielding	tentatively	seize	futile	torrent
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READ

Review Review the timeline from the beginning every day.

Read Read the selection, usually in a Shared Reading *Read React Predict Cycle* of 2-3 pages.

p. 131-138

Setting	Characters	Pages
Betsy's house	Betsy, Dr. Donovan, Betsy's dad	131-132
Elizabeth's house	Dr. Donovan, Elizabeth	132
school	Elizabeth, Betsy, M.N., M.N.'s father	133
Elizabeth's house	Dr. Donovan, Elizabeth, M.N., Betsy	134-136
Lisa's room in the hospital	Elizabeth, M.N., Betsy, Dr. Donovan, Lisa	136-138

RESPOND

Timeline Agree on the facts in today's reading and list the 3-5 most important on the timeline.

Students might mention:

- Dr. Donovan researches through teachers and students
- Dr. Donovan reads newspaper article about teen attempted suicide
- The doctor finds out it was Lisa

- Betsy's dad talks to Mr. Shilling, who is listening now
- Dr. Donovan is introduced to Lisa through the girls

EXPLORE

Analyze Analyze the key paragraph.

Key Paragraph, p. 138

"We ran through the lobby like three idiot children and burst through the doors. There is a little park on the side of the hospital, and we scrambled to reach it, all three of us holding hands and laughing, and crying, and giggling, and acting like three-year-olds together. And we didn't stop. We fell about in the grass, and rolled over each other, and shrieked and hooted and hollered and hit each other and then started all over again. And to think, I remembered, that the *patient* was still *inside*" (p. 138).

EXTEND

Write Have each student write a short product based on today's prompt to connect to the unit theme.

Betsy, M.N., and Elizabeth are ecstatic beyond what mere words can describe at the prospect of Lisa being cured. They have witnessed firsthand how debilitating mental illness can be. The girls have tirelessly tried to help Lisa with her sickness and they also enlisted the aid of their parents, Lisa's parents, and school personnel in earnest attempts at getting her the help she needs. They have finally succeeded and are overcome with relief and joy. Though they may seem few and far between, we have all experienced unbelievable happiness, elated surprise, or just a huge feeling of relief.....as if the stress has disappeared. Describe in descriptive detail what the situation was like and what the end result did for you and others who were involved. Were you thankful? Did other people contribute to make it special, profound, memorable? Did this time involve something negative that ended up being something positive? Was your situation already a happy one, but it became even better as a result of what someone else may have done? **Think this over carefully, outline your thoughts, and formulate your experience in a three-paragraph narrative essay.**

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Lisa, Bright and Dark, Day 15



Standards for Writing

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Have students pick a topic for their editorial. Here are some ideas from USA Today.
<http://www.usatoday.com/news/opinion/default.htm>

Word Wall Here are five vocabulary words to teach and add to the Word Wall.

resistance	venturing	tautness	cruelty	insulate
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READ

Review Review the timeline from the beginning every day.

Read Read the selection, usually in a Shared Reading *Read React Predict Cycle* of 2-3 pages.

p. 139-143

Setting	Characters	Pages
	Elizabeth, Betsy, M.N., Neil	139-143

RESPOND

Timeline Agree on the facts in today's reading and list the 3-5 most important on the timeline.

Students might mention:

- The discussion of Lisa's recovery
- The length of time it will take Lisa to recover
- Neil talks about others not picking on Lisa which is rare
- The girls talk about the what if's for Lisa not getting help
- Girls have to say their summer good byes since Betsy is the only one staying behind.

EXPLORE

Analyze Analyze the key paragraph.

Key Paragraph, p. 141

“Poor M.N.,” Elizabeth laughed. “You’ve had a chance to study everything but the patient’s mind. I hate to think of all that reading and no primary source available to you. Maybe Neil could send bulletins” (p. 141).

EXTEND

Write Have each student write a short product based on today’s prompt to connect to the unit theme.

Why is Elizabeth making fun, again, of M.N.? One of the girls had firsthand knowledge of mental illness because of her experiences. Another read extensively on mental illness and observed Lisa attentively. The other was the very compassionate, understanding, and nurturing towards Lisa and the other two girls. **Between Betsy, Elizabeth and M.N., who do you think has the most knowledge and understanding about mental illness? Explain your response in descriptive detail in a 2-paragraph final essay.**

Close Close by extending today’s lesson to life and the world.

Extend the reading to the student’s lives or to the world

Character Based Literacy Program 40-Minute Lesson Plan

Lisa, Bright and Dark, Final Speech



Have students choose a topic from the list below.

America's Future

Will immigrants and minorities revitalize America? (Also America Beyond 2001, Culture Wars, Interracial America and Population)

America's Prisons

Should prisons rehabilitate?

Do prisons create a criminal personality?

Will building more prisons solve prison overcrowding? (Also Crime and Criminals)

America's Victims

*Background--CWI: Victim's Rights, Rape in America

Does Repressed Memory Therapy create victims? (Also Mental Illness; TS: Childhood and Society; CC: Family Violence)

Do talk shows exploit society's victims? (Also TS: Mass Media and Society)

Should the Battered women Syndrome be a legal defense? (Also Violence; CC: Violence Against Women)

Is there a date rape crisis in society? (Only in TS: Family and Personal Relationships and Human Sexuality; CC: Violence Against Women)

Are self-help groups helpful? (Only in TS: Psychological Issues)

Animal Rights

*Background--CWI: Animal Rights

Is animal experimentation justified? (Also: Biomedical Ethics; TS: Bioethical Issues, Moral Issues, Psychological Issues, Science, Technology and Society)

Is eating meat detrimental? (Also: Health and Fitness, 21st Century Earth)

Is hunting animals morally acceptable?

Do zoos preserve endangered species?

Biomedical Ethics

*Background--CWI: Abortion, AIDS Crisis in America

Is fetal tissue research moral? (Also: CC: The Abortion Controversy)

Is surrogate mothering a valuable service? (Also: Feminism; TS: Family and Personal Relationships; CC: Reproductive Technologies)

Should humans be allowed to receive animal organ transplants?

Should HIV-infected surgeons be allowed to operate? (Only in TS: Bioethical Issues)

Should newborns without brains be used as organ donors? (Only in TS: Bioethical Issues; CC: Ethics)

Is electroconvulsive therapy safe? (Only in TS: Psychological Issues)

Should post-menopausal women become pregnant? (Only in CC: Reproductive Technologies)

Could genetic screening of embryos harm society? (Only in CC: Reproductive Technologies)

Speech Check off list

- ✓ Pick a topic
- ✓ Find information
- ✓ Write your Beginning
- ✓ Organize your ideas
- ✓ Think of an effective ending
- ✓ Create note cards (remember to number them)
- ✓ Write your speech
- ✓ Practice your speech
- ✓ Before:
 - Make sure note cards are in order
 - Stand up straight
- ✓ During:
 - Speak loudly, clearly and slowly
 - Make sure you make eye contact with audience often
 - Show emotion when you speak
 - Try not to fidget
 - If you miss something keep going don't stop
- ✓ After your speech:
 - Wait for questions
 - Calmly gather your things and sit down again

Speech Rubric

SKILLS	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 1
<i>Topic</i>	Appropriately focused topic with a clearly communicated understanding of the purpose for the speech	Focused topic with partially demonstrated understanding of the purpose for the speech	Somewhat focused topic or a vague sense of the purpose for the speech, which require the audience to make assumptions	A lack of focus or confused purpose, which result in confusion on the part of the audience
Research Analysis	Clear and convincing command of facts and information with insightful explanations that help to illustrate the speaker's ideas and arguments	Clear use of facts and information with partially developed explanations in support of the speaker's ideas or arguments	Partially clear use of facts and information with limited or incomplete explanations to support the speaker's ideas or arguments	Confusing or incomplete facts with little and/or confusing explanations as to how the facts support the speaker's ideas or arguments
<i>Organization</i>	Clearly and logically organized speech with an engaging introduction, a logically sequenced body with appropriate transitions, and a clear and convincing conclusion	Clear attempt at organization with a beginning, middle, and end and an attempt to use transitions	Some inconsistencies in organization and/or a lack of sustained focus throughout the speech with inconsistently use transitions	A lack of organization makes it difficult to follow the speaker's ideas; speech may be too conversational and may ramble without a clear beginning, middle, or end
<i>Language</i>	Uses sophisticated and varied language that is suited to the topic and audience; word choice is concise,	Uses appropriate language and word choice, but with less sophistication, expressiveness and/or originality	Use words that may be unsuited to the topic, audience or purpose of the speech; word choice lacks originality and fails to convey an appropriate tone	Inappropriate use of language distracts the audience because it is too informal or too imprecise given the topic and purpose of the

	original, and effectively conveys the appropriate tone given the purpose of the speech		for the speech	speech
<i>Stylistic Devices</i>	Skillful use of various stylistic devices (e.g., repetition, parallelism, anecdotes, analogies, figurative language, different types of appeals) greatly enhance the effectiveness of the speech	Effective use of at least one stylistic device (e.g., repetition, parallelism, anecdotes, analogies, figurative language, different types of appeals) enhances the effectiveness of the speech	An attempt to use at least one stylistic device (e.g., repetition, parallelism, anecdotes, analogies, figurative language, different types of appeals) but it does not enhance the effectiveness of the speech	No attempt to use stylistic devices to enhance the meaning of the speech
<i>Delivery</i>	A combination of appropriate and effective eye contact, clarity and projection of voice, tone and pace, and gestures significantly enhance the speaker's words	A combination of appropriate eye contact, clarity and projection of voice, tone and pace, and gestures are used but without the smoothness of level four	Inconsistent use of eye contact, clarity and projection of voice, tone and pace, and/or gestures interrupt the flow of the speech	Lack of eye contact, clarity and projection of voice, tone and pace, and/or appropriate gestures make the speech difficult to follow
<i>Overall Effectiveness</i>	Speaker remains enthusiastic, audience attention is maintained, and the purpose of the speech is achieved	Speaker shows some enthusiasm, the audience remains mostly interested, and the purpose of the speech is achieved	Speaker shows limited enthusiasm, audience interest is not sustained, and the purpose of the speech is only partially achieved	Speaker lacks enthusiasm, the audience shows a lack of interest, and the purpose of the speech is not achieved

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Lisa, Bright and Dark, Final Writing Project



Have students write a letter to the editor on a topic they feel strongly about, if they cannot think of one they can use some of the examples from USA Today.

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/opinion/default.htm>

Remember to:

1. Write down what it is you must decide
2. Write down your choices
3. Find the answers to your questions
4. Make a decision
5. Use facts and opinions
6. Use Logic to Persuade
 - Thoroughly research your subject
 - Form an opinion
 - Write an opinion statement
 - Support your opinion with clear provable facts
 - Organize your facts in one of two basic ways
 - State your opinion and then support with facts
 - Present facts then support with your opinion
7. Avoid unclear thinking.