

LESSON PLAN

CLUES FROM CHAPTER TITLES

Series: Wild Cats

Objective

To help students practice using chapter titles and tables of contents to predict what kind of information a book might contain.

Supplies

- One or more books in the Wild Cats series
- Clues from Chapter Titles worksheet (attached)
- Pencils

Before the Activity

Print a copy of the worksheet for each student. Make sure each student has a pencil and a book from the Wild Cats series.

Activity

Ask students to open their Wild Cats book to page 3. This page has the book's table of contents. The table of contents lists the chapters in the book and the page numbers where they begin. Explain that the titles give clues about the information that readers can find in each chapter. Ask students to use this page to fill out Part I of the worksheet.

Next, have students read through the book. After each chapter, students should pause and think about that chapter's main ideas. They should fill in the sentence about that chapter in Part II. Then, students should answer the two questions at the bottom of the worksheet.

Evaluation

Collect the worksheets at the end of the activity. Could students use the chapter titles to make reasonable predictions about the information each chapter might contain? Could they identify and explain the main ideas of each chapter after reading it?



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| Part I. |
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| Use the table of contents on page 3 to answer the following questions: |
| What is the title of Chapter 1? |
| Based on this title, what do you think this chapter will be about? |
| What is the title of Chapter 2? |
| Based on this title, what do you think this chapter will be about? |
| What is the title of Chapter 3? |
| Based on this title, what do you think this chapter will be about? |
| What is the title of Chapter 4? |
| Based on this title, what do you think this chapter will be about? |
| Part II. |
| Next, read the book. Then complete each of the following sentences: |
| Chapter 1 is about |
| Chapter 2 is about |
| Chapter 3 is about |
| Chapter 4 is about |
| Which of these answers were similar to your guesses in Part I? |
| Which of these answers were different? |