



LESSON PLAN

FIGHTING-STYLE SUMMARIES

Series: Martial Arts

Objective

To help students practice identifying and summarizing the main ideas of each chapter in a book about martial arts.

Supplies

- One or more books in the Martial Arts series
- Whiteboard
- Paper and pencils

Before the Activity

Write the following questions on the whiteboard:

- Does this chapter talk about the past or the present?
- Does this chapter describe different moves or styles?
- Does this chapter focus on ways people compete or practice?

Activity

Divide the class into as many groups as you have books from the Martial Arts series. Make sure each group has paper and pencils. Then give each group a different book from the Martial Arts series. Students should read their group's book together. As they read, students should work together to identify the main ideas of each chapter. The questions on the whiteboard can help them if they get stuck.

Next, students should write a short paragraph (two or three sentences) that summarizes each chapter. The paragraph should start with the topic sentence "Chapter ___ describes ___." After that, students should write one or two sentences telling the most important facts that people need to know from the chapter. Remind students to use complete sentences in this paragraph.

Evaluation

Collect each group's summaries at the end of the activity. Could students identify and describe the main ideas of each chapter in their group's book? Did they use complete sentences in their paragraphs?