

Week 6 Core Text Reading Comprehension Tasks: Year 5

Elias and the Mongoose

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Day	Pages	Stem	Questions
Monday	Read pages 76-79	Predicting. I wonder... I think... The next part will be about... ...because....	How do you think the mongoose might fit into the story? Do you think Elias' famous nickname will change by the end of the story? Why? What do you think will happen after Big Fellow stops the gang from hurting Elias?
Tuesday	Read pages 80-82	Asking Questions Who is... Where are... How does he.... What might happen if...?	Write 5 questions of your own. Who, What, When, Where How? True or false?
Wednesday	Read pages 83-86	Inferring The word * tells me... The part * suggests... This makes me think that... I think the character is.. I think the setting/mood is... because....	Is Big Fellow a respected character in the story? What happens to let you know? (pg 83) Why do you think Elias relates to the mongoose? Do they have anything in common? How is Elias feeling after he discovers the mongoose? What phrases or words from the text show the reader this?
Thursday	Read pages 87-90	Making Connections I know about this because... I have seen this... This reminds me of.....because This character is similar too	This is the sixth story we have read in this collection. Make a list of things these stories have in common e.g. almost all are set in the Jamaican countryside Can you think of another character who reminds you of Elias? What changes would you make to this story and why?
Friday	Read pages 76-90	Evaluating The word _____ works well... I like the way the author uses... This sentence has high impact... It is clever how the author... because....	If you could give the story another title, what would it be and why? Would you recommend this story to a friend? Why or why not? Was Elias a good character in the end? Did your opinion of him change throughout the story?