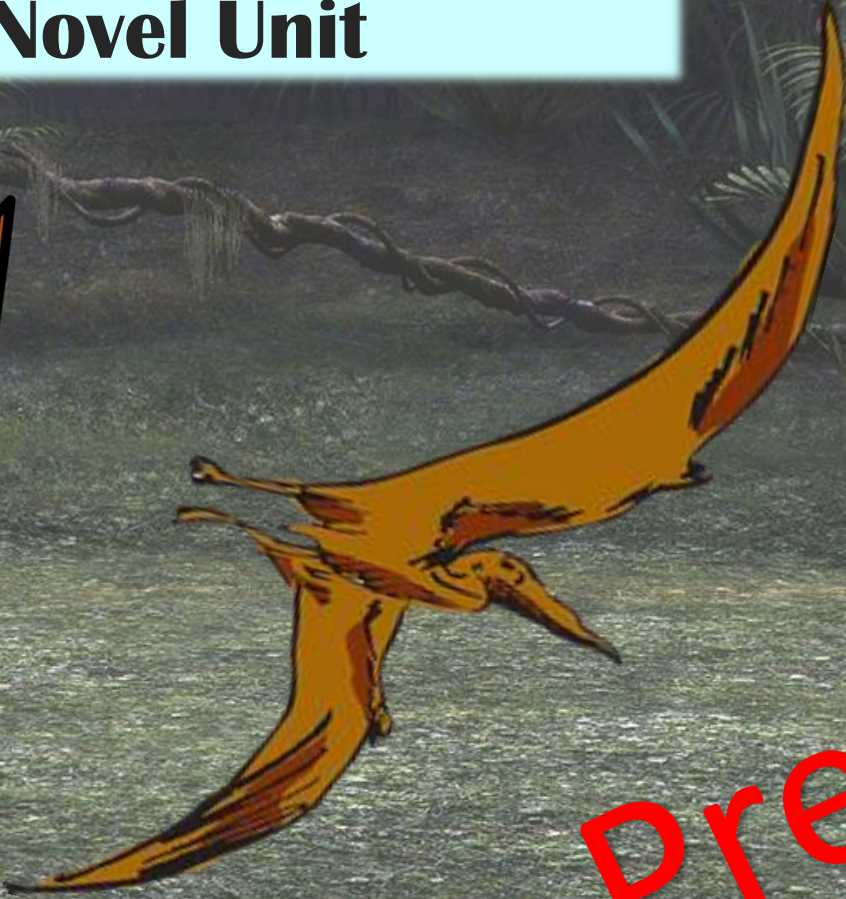
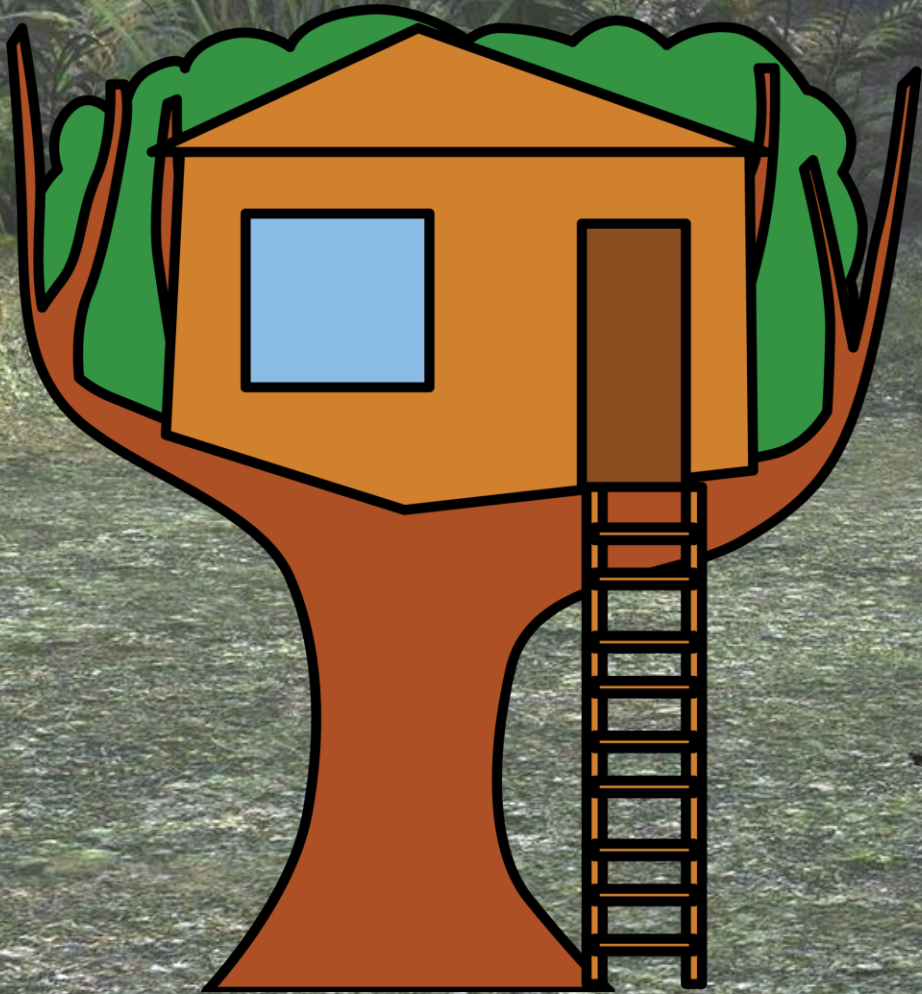


For Special Ed

The Magic Treehouse #1
Dinosaurs Before Dark
Novel Unit

10 activities

15 questions



Preview



Suggestions for Use

- I made this unit to go along with the book, *Dinosaurs Before Dark* by Mary Pope Osborne.
- The thought is that you would be reading it aloud to your class at a rate of about 1 chapter per day.
- Be sure to give each student their own copy of the story board (pg. 6) to use while reading and discussing the story.
- Benefits of reading out loud, even to classes made up of severely affected students:
 - Teaches students to sit quietly even when there isn't something for them to do. This is such an important life skill. We all have to spend time sitting and listening to someone we are not that interested in at some point.
 - Parents will LOVE you. Not only will they be excited their child is being exposed to age appropriate material, but you are teaching them how to sit quietly, which will hopefully transfer to home as well.
 - Even with your lowest level learners, you will have 1 or 2 that will truly enjoy the story.
 - It can be a calming experience to sit and listen to the teacher read in a methodical way.

Suggestions for Use

- For students who need more structure, place the number of post-it notes in front of him/her that corresponds to the number of pages you intend to read. Remove a post-it as you finish each page. The visual will help lessen their anxiety.
- You will find 1 activity for each chapter. You will still have plenty to choose from and find those that fit best with your students.
- Differentiation:
 - For any activity, you can quickly differentiate for your lower level learners by using a color coding technique.
 - If sorting, outline each sorting category a certain color and then outline the corresponding pictures the same color.
 - Becomes a matching task.
- I purposefully did not include an assessment in this unit, because I did not feel that would be the goal of reading a higher level novel over such an extended period of time. Instead, you should be focused on shaping and teaching the behavior of sitting.

Worksheet pages	Title	Chapter
4-5	Suggestions for use	
6	Story board	
7	Title and Author	
8-9	Real vs Pretend	1
10-12	Dinosaur circle map	2
13-14	My conversation with a dinosaur	3
15-16	Similes	4
17-18	Plant vs meat eaters	5
19-21	Animals that hatch from eggs	6
22	Find the one between	7
23-25	Things a T-Rex might eat today	8
26-27	Dinosaurs that fly or walk	9
28-29	My trip in the magic treehouse	10
30	Other Novel Units available	
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Activities

15 Questions

6. How did Annie say the Pteranodon feel?



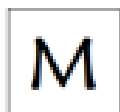
7. Who took notes about dinosaurs?



8. What did the Triceratops eat?



9. What letter was on the gold medallion?



10. What did Jack and Annie pretend to do when the duck-billed dinosaur came after them?























Chapter references for each question

Question	Chapter
1	1
2	1
3	2
4	2
5	2
6	4
7	4
8	5
9	5
10	6
11	7
12	9
13	9
14	10
15	10

Answer Key

1. rope ladder
2. tree house
3. books
4. spinning
5. dinosaur
6. soft
7. Jack
8. plants
9. M
10. chew grass
11. backpack and book
12. Henry
13. book
14. none
15. medallion

 Jack	 Annie	 tree house	 book	 spin
 Henry	 Triceratops	 T-Rex	 Anatosaurus	 backpack
 meat	 plants	 fly	 home	 medallion
 repeat that	 I like that	 I don't like that	 I don't know	 I need a break

Storyboard

Jack thinks Annie is always making things up. Some things are real and some things are pretend. Sort the pictures on the next page whether you think they are real or pretend.

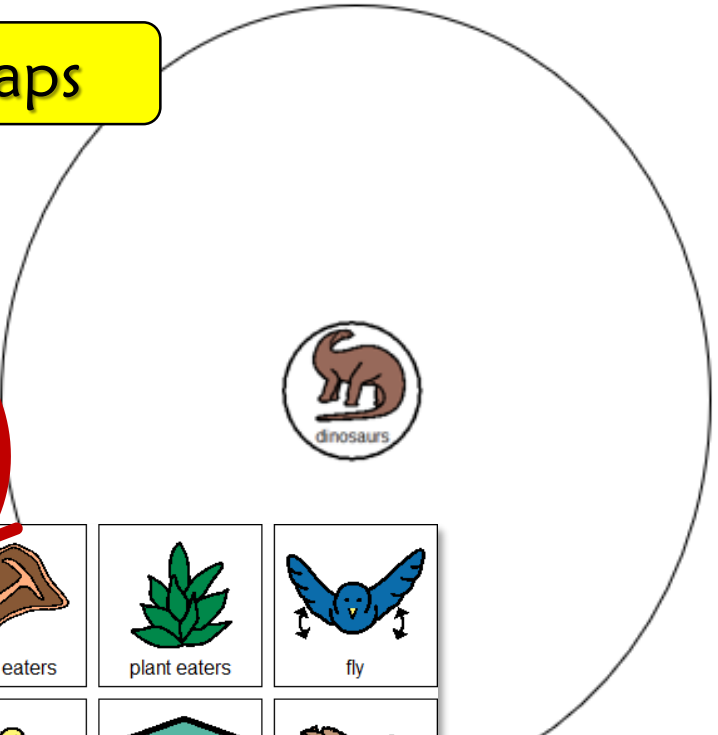


Sorting










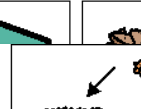












 dragon	 hippo	 Santa Claus	 snail	 alien
 Easter bunny	 forest	 jet	 monster	 farmer
 refrigerator	 monster	 markers	 popcorn	 unicorn

Circle maps

What are some things that you know about dinosaurs?



Errorless option

 extinct	 huge	 meat eaters	 plant eaters	 fly		
 horns	 plates	 extinct	 huge	 fur	 plant eaters	 fly
 horns	 plates	 hatch	 tiny	 reptiles		
 live in a zoo	 made fire	 meat eaters	 museum	 outer space		



plant eater



meat eater

So much more!!

 cow	 tiger	 deer	 lion	 elephant
 iguana	 otter	 giraffe	 killer whale	 rattlesnake
 zebra	 wolf	 shark	 sheep	 cat
 T-Rex	 goat	 horse	 polar bear	 most dinosaurs

In each picture below, circle the item that is between.



Circle the animal between the trees. |•|



Circle the person between the dinosaurs. |•|



Circle the thing between the shells. |•|



Circle the food between the picnic baskets. |•|



Circle the bug between the fly swatters. |•|



Circle the elephant between the ring masters. |•|



Circle the animals between the farmers. |•|



Circle the flower between the bushes. |•|



 dinosaurs	 outer space	 North Pole
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 aliens	 dinosaurs	 Santa Claus
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 area	 dinosaurs	 sleigh	 ground	 island	 seaweed
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 notebook	 backpack	 camera	 binoculars	 mittens	 fishing rod
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 sad	 exhausted	 excited	 happy	 upset	 frustrated
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My trip in the magic treehouse

I looked in a book about and make a wish.

When I opened my eyes I saw .

I went down the ladder to check out the .

I took with me.

When it was time to go back home, I felt .