

The Important Book

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Traits: Voice, Sentence Fluency, Conventions

Grade Level: Early Elementary (1-3), Late Elementary (4-5), Middle School (6-8), High School (9-12)

Time: Two one hour class periods

Supplies:

- A copy of the book
- Overhead copies of the text in the book
- A typed format of the poem in the book for the students to follow during rough draft of writing

Lesson Description:

1) Lower the classroom lights, place page one on the overhead and begin reading the text out loud.

2) As the students begin to hear the pattern of the book, hold back the pattern and have them fill in the last line of each poem page. Then place that page on the overhead, or uncover the pattern ending line.

3) After you have finished the reading of the book, discuss the special pattern of the book paying particular attention to the use of: IT, BUT, THE NUMBER OF LINES, THE BEGINNING AND ENDING LINE PATTERNS, AND DESCRIPTION.

4) Brainstorm with a board list the different things that children feel and do during a regular day. Now, have the students share in pairs something they feel they can do that is special or important.

5) Give the students a pattern of the poem that is blank and have them write an Important Poem about themselves: *The Most Important Thing About Me*.

6) Edit the rough draft poems and rewrite on colored lined paper. Cut the poem out and transfer to light colored construction paper. Have the students illustrate their activities as a border.

7) Laminate the pages and make a class book or display on an Important Poem bulletin board.