

Play with a Purpose

Episode 9: Recipes with Toni Morrison

Teacher Guide

Video Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lz6PgtE_Myo&t=3s

Book/Material

Peeny Butter Fudge: Written by Toni Morrison & Slade Morrison; Illustrated by Joe Cepeda

Concepts

Recipes; Synonyms; Repetition; Nobel Prize

Vocabulary

Dedicated; Abstract Noun; Concrete Noun, Action Verbs, Synonym

OHIO STANDARDS

RL.1.4; RL.1.7; RL.4.1; RL.4.7; W.1.5; W.4.4

Main Activity

After watching Amy and Michelle write their recipe poem, students will write their own recipe poems (individually or as a class). Have students go through the same steps writing their poem as Amy and Michelle to create their recipe poem. Younger students who have not mastered writing can illustrate a class made poem, perform verbally, or summarize/ explain the poem as well.

Follow Up/ Extension

1. Follow the recipe for "Peeny Butter Fudge" (https://d28hgpr8am2if.cloudfront.net/tagged_assets/6286_peeny_butter_fudge.jpg) as a class or ahead of time to share with students. Discuss all five senses used as you enjoy the fudge.
2. Starting at minute 5:30, the mother comes home. There are no words on those two pages, but a lot is happening. Discuss the mother's reaction: have students explain what is happening. Have older students (those more confident in writing) write potential text for those pages.

Additional Resources

1. Lorain Ohio background brochure: <https://www.loraincounty.us/platform/cms/files/2015/Lorain-County-History-Brochure.pdf>
2. A newspaper article about the literary significant people that have come out of Lorain County: https://www.morningjournal.com/news/the-mighty-lorain-pen-from-rice-to-morrison-this-city-is-rich-in-writers/article_5adf01b3-4571-5986-810c-be2a68928ea4.html
3. Information about the Nobel Prize (which Toni Morrison won in 1993) <https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/literature/>
4. Kahn Academy lesson on Concrete and Abstract Nouns; <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/grammar/parts-of-speech-the-noun/types-of-nouns/v/concrete-and-abstract-nouns>



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