

Brave Knight Nicholas

Teacher's Notes

Fluent Plus Level 23

Literary Connections

Word Count: 823 words (approximately, including title)

Reading Skills: Continue to appropriately and effectively use a range of reading strategies
Gain comprehension from a text with fewer pictorial cues
Maintain understanding and meaning over a lengthy text

Decoding Skills:

High Frequency Words: alone, friends, because, scared, while, learnt, smile, asked, sighed

Blends: "n" sound: Nicholas, name, no, not, nose, next

Silent "k" in "kn": knight, know, knees, knocking

Word Study:

Describing Words:

Adjectives (describing nouns): brave, beautiful, dark, gentle, strong,

Adverbs (describing verbs): meekly, happily, slowly

Print Conventions:

The use of capital letters in quotation marks and for proper nouns

Paragraphing – use parts of the text as a model for discussion on paragraphing: for examples pages 2, 7, 10, 11 and 12

Text Feature:

Language consistent with "fairy tale" genre: Once upon a time, throughout the kingdom, far-away castle, fire-breathing dragon, happily ever after

Content Connections

- Fairy tales
- History – a time from long ago
- Knights, kings and castles
- Friends help one another
- Feelings, fears and emotions

Content Words: knight, dragons, forests, rescue, Kings, kingdom, princess, castle, horse, highness, scared, afraid, truth, brave, meekly, trembling

Synopsis (for the back cover)

This is brave Knight Nicholas and Princess Pearl. Follow them on their adventure.

Follow-up Activities

- Draw a picture of Sir Nick. Around the outside of the picture write words and statements describing him.
- Do the same activity using the character of Princess Pearl.
- This text provides examples of problem resolution within a story. Through discussion, focus on the problems and how they were resolved. Use charts as a way of recording the information.
- Create a story map for the important events of this story. Discuss the sequence of the events.
- Use this story as a starter for discussions on feelings, fears and overcoming things we are scared of.
- Write personal narratives about feeling scared and fearful, or feeling brave and fearless.
- Discuss how Pearl helped Sir Nick. What did she do and say to help him feel brave?
- Study and research other stories about knights, princesses, castles, kingdoms and fire-breathing dragons.
- Read lots of fairy tales. Gain familiarity with the genre and the specific language used. Have a go at writing fairy tales in the classroom.