

Enhancement Activities/Strategies for Gifted/High Ability Learners: Sample Reading/Language Arts Learning Plan

Big Idea/ Topic

- Figurative Language and Stories

Standard Alignment

- **ELAGSE5RL1:** Quote accurately from a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
- **ELAGSE5RL4:** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative language such as metaphors and similes.
- **ELAGSE5RL9:** Compare and contrast stories in the same genre (e.g., mysteries and adventure stories) on their approaches to similar themes and topics.
- **ELAGSE5SL1:** Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 5 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
- **ELAGSE5W8:** Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from print and digital sources; summarize or paraphrase information in notes and finished work and provide a list of sources.

Advanced Research

Select a fairy tale and research different adaptations from various countries and cultures. Compare and contrast the common elements. For example, think about [Cinderella](#). [Epic Fairy Tale Collection](#) with other cultures and countries (teachers can set up a free Epic account). (*Handout p. 4*). You can set up a FREE account for your students on [Pixton](#). Once students create a bitmoji-like character (10 minutes), they can then create comics depicting some of the differences between the chosen fairy tales.

Communication

Figurative Language is all around us in music, tv, movies, advertisements, and more. Encourage students to compile a collection of examples. Here are some examples to get the students started from Disney movies (Youtube Video) [Figurative Disney](#). Students can share information on a Padlet, Flipgrid, Seesaw, or discussion board in a learning management system.

Critical Thinking and Critical Problem-Solving Skills

[Breakout EDU](#) (You can sign up for a free game if you don't have an account) [Birds of a Feather Flock Together](#). Digital Breakout games are an easy way to challenge students to collaborate, use critical thinking, and communication to “breakout” (like an escape room concept, but everything is digital). This game requires children to apply their understanding of **figurative language**. If this is your students' first experience with a Breakout Challenge, you may need to be prepared to give hints to help guide students. I find the best hints are questions to make them think more. Allow the students time to struggle before providing a hint. I encourage students to use the back of their recording sheet to write down solutions they try. Oftentimes, they will figure out the answer by working through what does not work. A sample hint for the number lock in this Breakout: *Can you find any examples of figurative language? (onomatopoeia) What would be a logical way to organize the words? (alphabetical order) The lock is looking for numbers. How can you get numbers from the information you have? (number of letters in each word that is an onomatopoeia).* (Handout on p. 3)

Creative Thinking and Creative Problem-Solving Skills

Have students use [Code Spark](#) to create a story that “misrepresents” the meaning of a personification phrase, simile, or metaphor by applying the literal meaning. Code Spark is free coding program where you will set up student accounts. You can use the “[Quick Lesson Idea: Retell a Story](#)” to get students started.

Awareness of Self—Student's Well-being

Encourage students to keep a journal while they work to complete the [Mensa Excellence in Reading Challenge](#). Once they have read all the books on the list, you can submit their sheet for a free certificate and t-shirt (no cost for shipping). Students could even start a virtual or in-person

book club or create a podcast series to discuss the books. Many of the books are available on the Libby App and other Public Library options for digital books.

Digital Breakout EDU Challenge Recording Sheet: Birds of a Feather Flock Together






My Name _____

Names of the Students in My Group: _____



I was getting ready for work when a flock of ducks invaded my bathroom! They seem to have a fascination with **Figurative Language**. Can use your knowledge of Figurative Language and help me get these ducks out of my bathroom?

Record the Correct Lock Combination for Each Lock

Lock	Correct Combination	What types of figurative language did you see in the puzzle?
 Number Lock		
 Directional Lock		
 Shape Lock		
 Color Lock		
 Word Lock		

Which puzzles required multiple steps to solve?

Which puzzles did you work with other people to solve?

Name _____ Fairy Tale Comparison

Use this chart to compare and contrast a fairy tale with three different versions.

Book/Story Title			
Country or Culture			
Good Character			
Evil Character			
Setting			
Problem			
Magic			
Happy Ending			
Lesson Learned			
Important Number			