

## Turning great books into **GREAT INSTRUCTION.**

By integrating intentional social/emotional development into every lesson,  
**we turn barriers to learning into the very tools that accelerate literacy.**



### **Lesson Planning for Impact.**

Reading with Relevance breaks each of our selected novels into a series of thoughtful lesson plans. Each lesson is designed to **support teachers** to meaningfully explore the social and emotional themes of the day's reading.

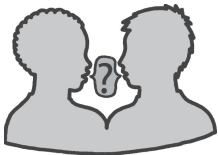


#### **Beginning with Intention.**

Each lesson begins with a social/emotional theme that informs every aspect of the lesson and sets out a guiding question for students to consider. We also preview vocabulary and recap the prior day's reading.

##### **SEL Theme in Action:**

Ask your students about a time when they have had to take charge of a situation in order to get their needs met. What did it feel like to take **initiative** in their lives?

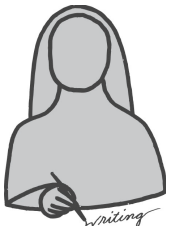


#### **Discussion That Engages.**

Intentional discussion questions allow educators to invite meaningful conversations with students about the themes and content in each day's reading.

##### **Discussion In Action:**

- Delphine says there is a difference between a mother and a mom. What do you think about this?
- Why does Cecile keep calling Fern "Little Girl"? How do you think this makes Fern feel?
- Why do the white tourists ask to take a picture of the sisters? How would this make you feel?



#### **Inspired, Reflective Writing.**

Thoughtful writing prompts and essay tasks provide opportunities for students to connect the story to their own lives, while developing their writing skills.

##### **Inspired Writing In Action:**

Delphine says, "We all have our la-la-la song. The things we do when the world isn't singing a very nice tune to us. We sing our own nice tune to drown out the ugly."

##### **What helps you drown out the unpleasant things in life?**

- What do you do to cope with difficult moments and experiences?
- How do these things make you feel better?
- What suggestions do you have for someone else going through a difficult time?



#### **Creative Activities.**

Help students bring the story to life with engaging extension and appendix activities - a way to ensure that every student finds a way to connect with the text. These illustrated, designed, and reproducible student worksheets provide another avenue for exploring the book's themes.

##### **Creativity In Action:**

The students at the center are going to a rally to support the ideas of the Black Panther Party. Today, it's your turn to take a stand! Create a poster to voice your support for a cause that feels important to you. Make sure to write about why this cause matters to you so much!

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