

ZAMASAMA PRESENTS

Butet's Biggest Adventure



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THEMES

Biography

Community

Inclusion & Disability

Education for all

Women Changemakers

Indigenous rights

Courage and ethical leadership

Story Discussion Guide

- Understand the impact of homelessness on children.
- Recognize global housing insecurity and its effect on education.
- Reflect on social exclusion and bullying due to poverty.
- Cultivate empathy and respect for all peers.
- Inspire strength and hope in children facing hardship.

LESSON PLAN SUMMARY

Students will explore the story of Butet and the Orang Rimba through discussions, critical thinking, and activities.

Lesson Plan

Before Reading – Warm-up Questions

- What do you think a jungle school might look like?
- Have you ever helped someone learn something new? How did it feel?
- Why might some people not have access to reading or writing?

During Reading – Discussion Prompts

- What kind of dangers did Butet face while living in the forest?
- How did the Orang Rimba's life change once they started learning?
- What qualities helped Butet succeed in her mission?

After Reading – Reflective Questions

- Why is literacy important for every community, no matter where they live?
- Do you think it's easy or hard to be a leader like Butet? Why?
- How can education protect people and their environment?

Activities

1. Mapping Indigenous Forests/Tribes
2. Be a Changemaker Poster
3. Role Play: Leader for a Day

Outcomes

Children will develop admiration for those who stand up for others in difficult situations. They will reflect on how courage and compassion can bring education and justice to underserved communities. Most importantly, they will begin to see that leaders are deeply committed to helping others—even in the wildest places.

Applicable SDGs & Explanation

- SDG 4: Quality Education
- SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities
- SDG 15: Life on Land
- SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Explanation of SDG Relevance

- SDG 4: Butet founded a school within the jungle, offering the Orang Rimba access to reading, writing, and self-empowerment.
- SDG 10: The story highlights educational equity and the inclusion of remote Indigenous communities.
- SDG 15: The forest setting underscores environmental conservation, and the community's struggle to protect their land.
- SDG 16: The narrative reveals injustices faced by marginalized groups, and Butet's work helps build awareness and advocacy.

Curriculum Alignment

Rent Party Jazz
Sharing Hope
The Strong Woman is My Mother

SEO Connections

- Meta Title: Butet and the Jungle School – A True Story of Education, Courage & Forest Conservation
- Meta Description: Discover the inspiring true story of Butet Manurung, who brought literacy to the Orang Rimba tribe in Indonesia’s rainforest. A tale of compassion, courage, and leadership.
- H1: Butet and the Jungle School
- H2: Literacy, Conservation, and Leadership in the Heart of the Rainforest
- Alt Text: Butet Manurung teaching Orang Rimba children in a jungle clearing
- Keywords: Butet Manurung, Orang Rimba story, children’s story about Indonesia, forest conservation for kids, Indigenous literacy, Ashoka changemaker, women environmental leaders, jungle school, real stories about education heroes, SDG 4 children’s book

ABOUT ZAMASAMA

Zamasama is a nonprofit platform that brings together stories from around the world to help children discover that beneath our differences—of culture, language, or belief—we share the same hopes, joys, and dreams. Today’s children are tomorrow’s citizens, and the responsibility of building a more peaceful, tolerant, and empathetic world lies with them. That’s why it’s vital to instill these values early—through stories that help them rise above the biases they inherit, and see diversity as a strength that unites us all.