

The Best Book

A Guide for Teachers and Parents



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THEMES

STEAM

SUB-THEMES

Creativity

Storytelling

Story Writing and Publishing

Books & Reading

Story Discussion Guide

- Appreciate the effort that goes into writing and making a book
- Be inspired to write or illustrate their own stories
- Understand that mistakes and effort are part of the creative process
- Strengthen language, storytelling, and visual expression skills
- Develop pride and ownership in sharing their thoughts

Lesson plan

This lesson sparks imagination through reading and story-making. It builds storytelling confidence and shows children that their ideas are worth telling.

Learning Outcome

Before Reading:

- What's your favorite book?
- Have you ever thought about making your own story?
- What do you think is needed to create a book?

During Reading :

- Pause when Ary struggles—ask: What would you do?
- Ask: What parts of book-making seem fun? What parts are hard?

After Reading:

- Why did Ary want to make her own book?
- What did she find difficult or surprising?
- How do you think she felt when she finished?
- What kind of book would you like to create?

Activities:

- Make-a-Book: Children create a small folded book with a title, author, and illustrations.
- My Story Wall: Students write one short sentence and draw a picture, forming a collaborative class book.
- Book Creators Interview: Imagine you're a book character—what would you say in your story?

Expected Outcomes

Children will develop storytelling confidence, appreciate the effort behind books, and feel inspired to become creators themselves.

Applicable SDGs

- SDG 4: Quality Education

SDG Explanation

- SDG 4: Promotes literacy, creativity, and appreciation for learning through storytelling and selfexpression.

ABOUT ZAMASAMA

Zamasama is a nonprofit initiative that curates children's stories from diverse cultures and lived experiences around the world. It gives children a window into other communities—and a mirror that affirms their own, helping children recognize the shared humanity that connects us across differences. Through narratives that gently challenge biases and broaden worldviews, Zamasama helps children see difference not as a barrier but as a bridge. Through the power of stories, we sow the seeds of pluralism that can grow into a more harmonious world for all.