

Sequence and Structure

Mighty Muskrats: The Case of the Windy Lake - Grade 5 - Short lesson

TIME

OBJECTIVE

PRODUCT

10 minutes Arrange four investigation events in chronological and logical order An ordered four-step timeline and explain how the mystery changes. plus one sentence about the turning point.

Essential question: How does the investigation progress from the first observation of the rope to Otter's bird clue?

Materials	Text to mark
• The book	• Passage 6 - Write the four-step timeline.

- Prepared passages: Passage 6, Passage 8, Passage 9, Passage 10
- Student response materials

Lesson sequence

1 Set the focus - 2 min Identify the four investigation points.

Prepared text:	Passages 6, 8, 9, 10
-----------------------	----------------------

- Passage 8 - Write the four-step timeline.
- Passage 9 - Write the four-step timeline.
- Passage 10 - Write the four-step timeline.

2 Work the evidence - 5 min Order them and explain the turning point.

Prepared text:	Passages 6, 8, 9, 10 3 Make the student product - 3 min Write the four-step timeline.
Prepared text:	Passages 6, 8, 9, 10

Teacher key

The Muskrats first consider the stretched rope, then gather weather and travel information, and finally use Otter's hawk observation to reinterpret the clue.

Support & extension

Above: Explain how delaying the hawk clue helps the story function as a mystery.

Assessment

- Places all four events in a defensible order.
- Uses sequence words.
- Distinguishes an observation from the later explanation.