

# Character Development

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

## TIME

## OBJECTIVE

## PRODUCT

10 minutes Describe how Denice's resolve develops from her initial complaint A before-and-after to her later declaration. character-development statement supported by evidence.

Essential question: How does Denice's resolve develop from her complaint about the company to her declaration after the vision quest?

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| <b>Materials</b>  | Text to mark                                        |
| • <b>The book</b> | • Passage 4 - Write the before-and-after statement. |

- Prepared passages: Passage 4, Passage 14, Passage 15
- Student response materials

## Lesson sequence

1 Start with the character - 2 min Identify the two moments.

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| <b>Prepared text:</b> | Passages 4, 15 |
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- Passage 14 - Write the before-and-after statement.
- Passage 15 - Write the before-and-after statement.

2 Compare the evidence - 5 min Compare Denice's initial concern and later declaration.

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| <b>Prepared text:</b> | Passages 4, 14, 15 3 Make the student product - 3 min Write the before-and-after statement. |
| <b>Prepared text:</b> | Passages 4, 14, 15                                                                          |

## Teacher key

Denice begins by opposing the company's conduct and later declares that she is just getting started and will continue the fight.

## Support & extension

Above: Explain how Grandpa's advice connects Denice's learning to her continued commitment.

## Assessment

- States Denice's initial concern.
- States her later declaration.
- Avoids assigning unsupported meaning to ambiguous pronouns.