

Whole Book Plan

Red is Best Grade K - Short lesson

TIME

OBJECTIVE

15 minutes Read the whole book and explain what she wants, what her mother says, and how it ends.

PRODUCT

A two-column record of both sides, and what the last page says Essential question: Her mother has a good reason every single time. Why does she keep saying no?

Materials	Text to mark
The book	Passage 1 - the first page

One two-column sheet each

Passage 2 - the red jacket Prepared passages: Passage 1, Passage 2, Passage 5

Lesson sequence

1 Before reading - 3 min

Passage 5 - the red pyjamas

Focus:	An argument every class already knows
Teacher direction:	Ask the class whether they have a favourite colour, and whether a grown-up has ever said no to it. Then read only the first line of the book.
Prepared text:	Passage 1 2 Teacher model - 5 min
Teacher model:	I read one page and notice it has four parts, every time. She says which red thing she likes best. Her mother says something sensible about a different one. Then she gives her own reason. Then she says the first line again, unchanged.
Prepared text:	Passage 2 3 Both sides - 7 min
Focus:	Two pages, four voices' worth of reasons

Teacher direction:	Using Passages 2 and 5, write what her mother says and what she says back.
Expected answer:	About the jacket, her mother says she needs the blue one because it is too cold out for the red - and she answers with a question: how can she be Red Riding Hood in a blue jacket. About the pyjamas, her mother says the yellow ones will keep her warm when she kicks off her blankets - and she says the red ones keep the monsters away while she is asleep. Both mothers' reasons are about being warm. Neither of hers is.
Student product:	A two-column sheet: what her mother says, what she says
Prepared text:	Passage 2, Passage 5

Support & extension

Above: Her mother is right about the weather every time. Explain why that does not settle it.

Below: Fill the two columns as we read, then the last page.

Assessment

Names three red things she likes best Gives one reason her mother offers Gives one reason she offers Says what happens on the page with the barrettes Says what the last page says