

Character Response Two Kinds of Reason

Red is Best - Grade K - Short lesson

TIME

OBJECTIVE

15 minutes Sort her mother's reasons and her own, and explain why being right does not win the argument.

PRODUCT

Two lists, side by side: her mother's kind of reason, and hers Essential question: Her mother is right about the cold. So why is that not the end of it?

Materials	Text to mark
• The book	• Passage 2 - the red jacket

- One sorting sheet each
- Passage 5 - the red pyjamas
- Prepared passages: Passage 2, Passage 5, Passage 6

Lesson sequence

1 Launch - 3 min

- Passage 6 - the red cup

Focus:	Two people arguing about different things
Teacher direction:	Her mother's reasons are all about one thing. Listen for what it is.
Prepared text:	Passage 5 2 Teacher model - 5 min
Teacher model:	I read the pyjamas page and notice the two reasons are not about the same subject. Her mother is talking about being warm after the blankets come off. She is talking about monsters. They are not disagreeing so much as answering two different questions.
Prepared text:	Passage 5 3 Her reasons - 7 min
Focus:	What red lets her do, or be, or keep away
Teacher direction:	Using Passages 2, 5 and 6, write what her reasons are about.

Expected answer:	Being somebody: in the red jacket she can be Red Riding Hood, which the blue one cannot do for her. Being safe: the red pyjamas keep the monsters away while she sleeps. And how something tastes: juice is better out of the red cup, which is not a thing anybody can check. None of hers is about warmth or matching. They are about what red lets her do and be, and that is why her mother being right never settles it.
Prepared text:	Passage 2, Passage 5, Passage 6

Support & extension

Above: Both of them give good reasons. Explain why they never agree.

Below: Two lists, side by side. Sort every reason into one of them.

Assessment

- Gives two of her mother's reasons
- Says what her mother's reasons are mostly about
- Gives two of her own reasons
- Says what her reasons are mostly about
- Explains why her mother being right does not end the argument