

Reading Lesson Plan, Activities, and Worksheets



Why Discuss Books?



Purpose

- For students to discover reading interests of peers.
- To gain an appreciation for the goals of reading.
- To work in cooperative groups to brainstorm reasons for book discussions.

Materials

- Copies of Reading Interest Inventory on page 2
- Copies of sample web on page 4
- Overhead transparency sheets, one per group
- Overhead markers, two or three per group

Procedure

Introduce lesson plan objectives: To enjoy good books, have interesting conversations with peers, and increase reading achievement. Have students complete the Reading Interest Inventory on page 2. Invite students to share their likes or dislikes in small groups or with the whole class.

Direct students to page 4, “Why Discuss Books?” Tell students, *many adults belong to book discussion groups which meet regularly to read good books and talk about what they have read.* Ask, *why do you think they do this?* Discuss responses.

Have students work in small groups to complete the web on page 4. Using the sample web on page 3, you might get the class started with a brief discussion, demonstrating for students how to make entries in the web. As students complete page 4 give them a sheet of transparency film and several overhead markers. Students copy their webs onto the overhead in preparation for a brief class presentation.

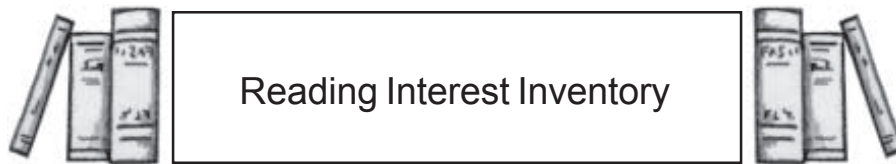
Invite students to present their overheads to the class. Use this opportunity to draw out some of the more important reasons to read and discuss good books with others.



The Purpose of Book Clubs and Student Reading Inventory

What are Book Clubs?

Book Clubs are book discussion groups— people who get together to read and discuss good books. Members of the group decide what they'd like to read and sometimes take turns leading the discussion. Some book discussion groups use questions to help them read thoughtfully and get the most out of the book. Book discussion groups are very popular among adults and are held in bookstores, public libraries, and people's homes. Many schools sponsor book clubs which you may wish to join, or you can form a group with your friends..



I most like to read (circle all that apply)

mystery adventure fantasy friendship science fiction biography
humor sports tales history sports animals space

Other _____

I like to read because _____

I do not like to read because _____

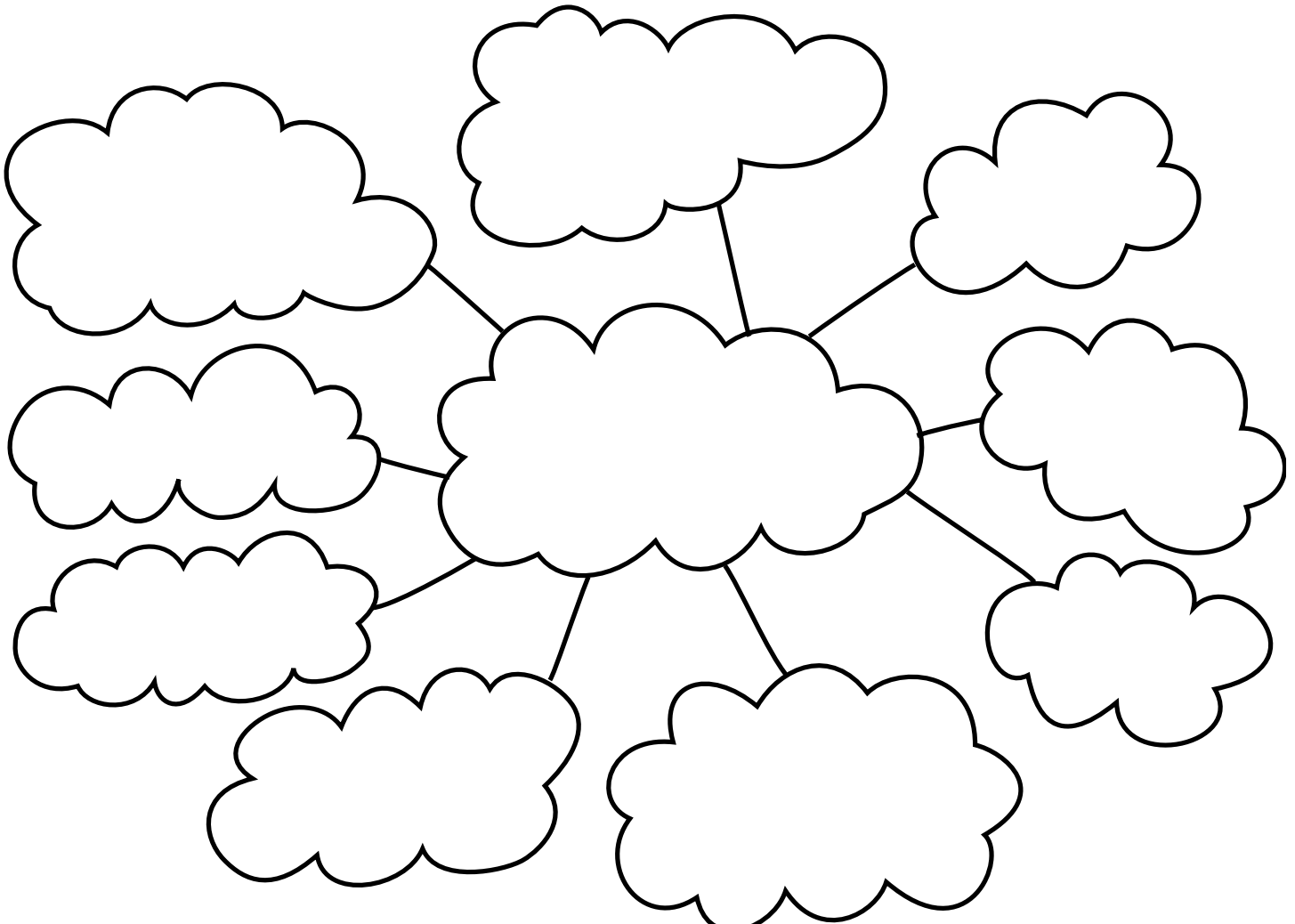
Outside of school I read:

every day _____ about once a week _____ about once a month _____ almost never _____

I have a library card: yes _____ no _____

A Sample Web for Talking About Books

Fill in the sample below to make a web which you can use in an overhead projector when demonstrating the project to the class and when showing students how to make entries in the web.



Why Discuss Books?

Work with a partner or small group. Use the web form below to brainstorm all the reasons you can think of for talking about a book with other people. What do members of book discussion groups find interesting, valuable, useful or enjoyable about joining with others to discuss a book they've all read?

When you have finished this rough draft, rewrite your web on an overhead transparency. Make your web neat and visually appealing. You may want to use different colors of overhead markers. Then present your thoughts to the class.

