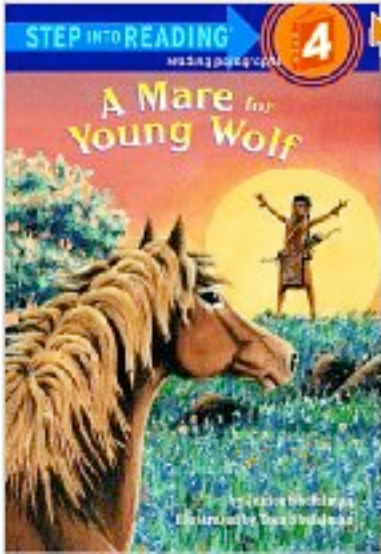


This elementary literature unit is designed to enhance the development of reading comprehension skills such as ordering events, identifying story elements, recalling details, drawing conclusions, and making inferences.

Young Wolf, the main character in A Mare for Young Wolf, is a young Native American boy who has reached an important moment in his life - selecting and learning to ride his own horse. The choice he makes, however, brings ridicule from his peers, and his desire to prove that he was right all along propels the story to a satisfying conclusion.

This unit consists of 9 pages that include written comprehension questions, a story map, and a page in which the reader must compare Young Wolf to his biggest adversary. Before reading, students are asked to recall what they think they know about the lives led by Native Americans. Afterwards, they are asked to return to this page to see which of those statements were supported as true in the story. This book and literature unit can fit neatly into an examination of America's history and multicultural origins.



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A Mare for Young Wolf - Prediction

1. What do you know about the way Native Americans lived? What would your life be like if you were a Native American child? What would you wear? What would you eat? What chores would you do? How would you have fun?

Think about these questions. Talk with the other members of your group. Come up with some answers that you think are true and write them on the lines below. When you are done reading the story, come back and look at what you've written. Circle the sentences that you found out were true.

1. We think _____

2. We think _____

3. We think _____

4. We think _____

5. We think _____

Character Comparison

Young Wolf Character 1 and Little Big Mouth Character 2

are 2 important characters in our story.

_____ Character 1 is _____ Character Trait

while _____ Character 2 is _____ Character Trait

For instance, _____ Character 1 tries to _____

and _____ Character 2 tries to _____

_____ Character 1 OR 2 learns a lesson when _____

I would pick _____ Character 1 OR 2 as a friend

because _____