

Midwest Region PASS Center

READING 7B

Unit I - Reading Skills

The following reading skills are introduced in this unit: main idea, details, sequence, inferring, predicting, fact and opinion, analogies, figurative language, multiple meanings, prefixes, and suffixes. Each skill is introduced by an explanation of the skill itself, and then examples are given using the skill. This is followed by activities for student completion using each skill.

Unit II - Reading Skills and the Novel

In this unit the student reads the novel, The Summer of the Swans. It is suggested that the student may want to read the entire novel and then complete the activities indicated by chapter in the student's book. In this novel, the student will experience the feelings of Sara, the sister of Charlie—a disabled and mute younger brother. A definition and activities will cover; plot, setting, characters, main idea, vocabulary, webbing, cloze procedure, several writing exercises, and context. The skills will be reinforced by an article and activities about the whistling swan.

Unit III - Critical Reading

This unit includes biographies and autobiographies about Anne Sullivan and Helen Keller, showing what great achievements handicapped people can make and the importance of each person's life. This ties in with the novel the student has just read in the previous unit about a handicapped child. This unit also includes poems about setting goals. The student activities will reinforce the reading skills learned and includes having the student write personal goals and an autobiography.

Unit IV - Fables

In this unit the student will read several fables that teach a lesson. Many of the fables provide lessons in awareness about our fellow human beings. There are activities after each fable that emphasize vocabulary used in the fable and reading skills such as sequence, word meaning, main idea, and predicting. Each of the fables contains a moral. Some of the morals are supplied and some the student must choose from a given list. The student will also write a short fable.

Unit V - Poetry and Short Stories

In this unit the student will learn about the following types of poetry: lyric poetry, narrative poems, dramatic poetry, elegy, and concrete poetry. Examples and activities will reinforce the learning of these types of poetry. The student will then look at how the poets wrote in different ways: as an observer, a musician, a story-teller, a portrait painter, a naturalist, a teacher and inspirer, a humorist, a patriot, and dealing with eternity. The student will look at satire in poetry and in the story of The Emperor's New Clothes. There are several reading and writing activities related to the poems and reading selections.