

## Modified Lesson Plan Task

**Task:** Your task is to read the following story and think of how you might present it to a group of 4th grade students in a literacy class. Then respond to the 3 items that follow the story.

### *It's Mine*

Three troublesome frogs live on a beautiful island but their selfishness causes them to quarrel continuously. One day a Toad, who has had enough of their disturbing behavior, confronts them and in a scolding voice tells them to change. They completely ignore the Toad's advice and continue with their quarrelsome behaviors. Then one day a violent storm hits the island and the water goes higher and higher until the frogs see only one rock that is not covered with water. The three sit on that rock and for the first time they share. But what they share are their hopes and fears. The rain finally stops and the water subsides and they discover that it was not a rock that had saved them but the Toad. This awareness of his act of kindness causes the frogs to change and as a result they willingly share all the beauty of their island.

1. Describe briefly how you might prepare your students to read the passage above.

*I would begin by asking students for examples of ways we can show negative behaviors and then ask for possible ways that adults respond when children act in these negative ways. I would list a variety and then collaboratively classify some as examples of "outside" rules and others as "inside" learning.*

2. What purpose for reading would you use to focus your students' attention on the reading task?

*I would want the students to use our discussion above to flow to a prediction as to whether the difference between "outside" rules or "inside" learning will be part of our story.*

3. List five (5) questions that you might use to assess the comprehension of the students who read the passage.

- 1) *How did the author show that the frogs were not open to learning?*
- 2) *How did the author show that the toad had to learn new information about change?*
- 3) *Who helped the frogs more, the Toad or the Flood? Explain your response.*
- 4) *What is more important in this story, learning or teaching? Explain your answer.*
- 5) *How did the author show the difference between "outside" rules and "inside" learning?*