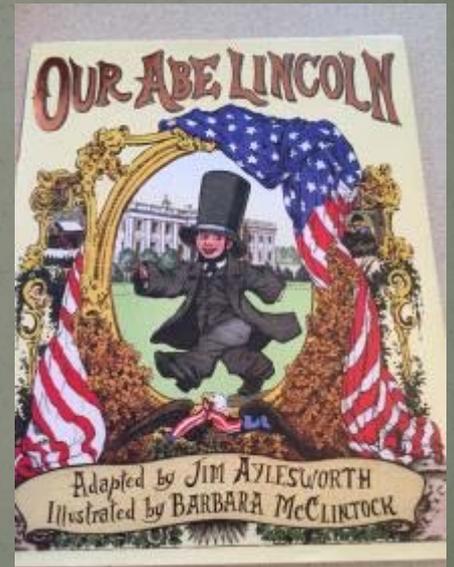


Our Abe Lincoln

Close Reading Character
Trait Lesson

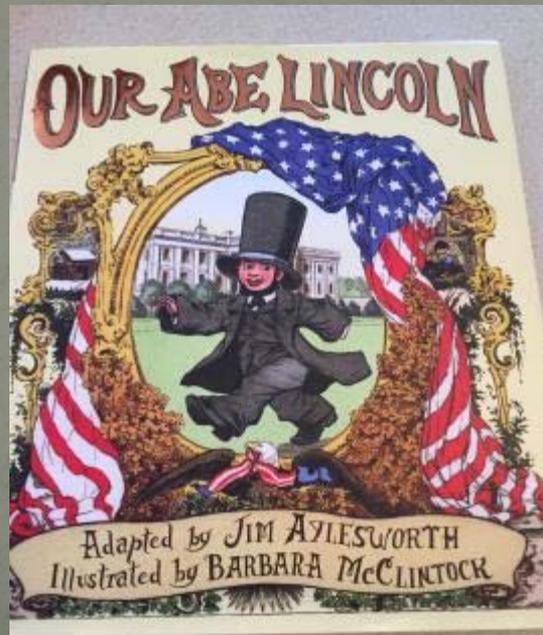
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Day 1

Read for the fun of it and worked on tier vocabulary (rough, wise, fell). Discussion of new words and facts learned about Abe Lincoln.



Day 2

Kinesthetic Dramatization

*Warm Up Activity



Kinesthetic Dramatization of Character Traits

*We used kinesthetic dramatization to assign actions to character trait words that describe Abe Lincoln. (i.e. action of chopping a tree to show *hard-working*; action of pointing to our heads to show *smart*; showed our muscles to show *strong*)

Day 2 continued

Finding Text Evidence

*The children worked in pairs, or groups of 3, and decided which character traits to find evidence of in the text. They began by finding a character trait word in the pocket chart, and then worked together to find the page in the book where that character trait was illustrated.

*The children then copied each chosen character word on sticky notes and stuck it to the appropriate page that illustrated that character trait. They did this for 4 words.



Day 3

Creation of Character Trait Webs

*The children worked in the same groups to create a character trait web about Abe Lincoln. We did a guided drawing activity so they could work together to draw Lincoln on the poster.

*The children looked back into the book at their sticky notes and copied the character words, that they had chosen, on to the character web.



Day 4

Character Web Presentations

*The children presented their character web and gave their opinion about why they chose the traits to represent Lincoln.

