

Thank You, Sarah

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Mentor Sentence Focus Standard: L.1 (plural nouns)

Reading Lesson Ideas

R.1 Students can give evidence from the book to show that persistence pays off and "the pen is mightier than the sword"

R.2 Have students summarize the story and tell the theme of the book

R.3 Students explain Sarah (thoughts, words, actions)

R.4 Students use context clues to determine the meaning of higher-level words (for example: dainty) from the book

R.6 Students tell how the story could have been told differently from the point of view of one of the presidents

R.7 Students explain how the illustrations conveyed the author's words

R.9 Read a nonfiction biography about Sarah Hale and compare facts shared (like [this one on Biography.com](#))

Writing Lesson Ideas

W.2 Students can write an editorial or persuasive letter

Monday - possibilities of things to notice

*plural - ladies

*imperative sentence (understood "you")

simple sentence

descriptive - adjectives and adverbs

prefix-under

vivid verb - underestimate

Tuesday - label the sentence

Never - adverb

underestimate - verb

dainty, little - adjectives

ladies - noun

(YOU) Never underestimate dainty little ladies.

complete subject

simple subject

complete predicate

simple predicate

Wednesday - possibility of revised sentence

Never underestimate the power of dainty little ladies.

(added noun/preposition)

Thursday - possibility of imitation sentence

Never underestimate smart young children.

(discuss others who sometimes are "misunderstood" or underestimated)

Thank You, Sarah

Describe Sarah's character, and give evidence to support your inference.

Text Evidence

Sarah argued for things she believed in, like ending slavery and making Thanksgiving a national holiday

Text Evidence

Sarah wrote thousands of letters to politicians and the presidents

Text Evidence

Even when Sarah was told no, she didn't give up and continued sending letters

Inference

Sarah was persistent

Thank You, Sarah

Look at the illustrations and describe how they help the author's words

Look Closely At...

the pages that say, "WE ALMOST LOST THANKSGIVING"

the page that says, "When Sarah saw something she didn't like, she picked up her pen and wrote about it."

the illustration of President James Buchanan

the pages displaying the North against the South

the pages that say, "LINCOLN SAID YES"

Illustration Description- how did it help?

Answers will vary, might include

modern day Thanksgiving is mixed with history in the image, and happy turkeys, showing everyone's feelings about no Thanksgiving

She wrote at night when the children were asleep by candlelight instead of sleeping because it was important to her

Thoughts in his mind included the country fighting over slavery and states' rights. It showed he had too much to worry about

Grant letters: spell UNITED STATES with two armies battling on the words with two flags. Sarah is worried about the war

The country appears to have come together to celebrate the new holiday, even after fighting

ANSWER KEY

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Use the text and picture clues to help you infer the meaning of these words.

WORD	PART OF SPEECH	BOOK CLUES	YOUR DEFINITION
dainty	adjective	She looks like a little lady	small and pretty
composed	verb	Mary Had a Little Lamb is a nursery rhyme	wrote
persuaded	verb	She wanted people to change things	convinced
penned	verb	Sarah wrote letters to the presidents	hand-wrote
bleak	adjective	The country was falling apart	negative
stubborn	adjective	Nothing stopped Sarah	persistent

ANSWER KEY

YOU DECIDE!

Do these situations demonstrate the word correctly? Why or why not?

1. Vidya brought the dainty teacup to her lips.

☒ yes ☐ no

Teacups are often small and delicate.

2. Shan composed the blanket with soft silk.

☐ yes ☒ no

Blankets aren't made by writing with silk.

3. Benjamin persuaded his mom to buy him a bike.

☒ yes ☐ no

Benjamin could convince her to buy it.

4. June penned a letter to her grandmother.

☒ yes ☐ no

June hand-wrote a letter.

Never underestimate dainty little ladies.

~Thank You, Sarah

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Mentor Sentence Lesson

Interactive Activity

Reading Activities

Writing Prompt

Vocabulary

ANSWER KEY

Editing Assessment

never underestimate dainty little ladies

1. Circle 3 mistakes in the sentence. Rewrite the sentence correctly:

Never underestimate dainty little ladies.

Write the correct plural form of the words:

2. People can enjoy turkey, pumpkin pie, and cranberries

for Thanksgiving because of Sarah Hale

3. Sarah raised five children while

biographies

4. Women put down their babies

5. Sarah finally got her wish when

the country ate Thanksgiving on the sa

Imperative sentences give advice or a comma the verb, and the subject is always an understc perfect for persuasive writing! Write two impe Sarah might have included in her letters to pol

6. answers will vary

7.

Thank You, Sarah

The pen is mightier than the sword.

-Edward Bulwer-Lytton

What do you think that means?

Writing is more effective than violence

PLURALS

Not all nouns get an "s" on the end when they become plural. Add "es" to words that end with x, ss, ch, z, s, or consonant -y, change the "y" to an "i" and add "es." Irregular plural nouns have an entire spelling change. Cut out the activity and put glue only behind the top strip. Cut up so there are three flaps. Match the nouns to the type of plural it will be, and write the correct plural form on the word strip, too.

Plural Nouns

just add -es

change the "y" to an "i" and add -es

change the spelling (irregular)

family	tomato	child
person	berry	box
story	superhero	man
foot	lady	church

Thank You, Sarah

Write your own persuasive letter

dainty

composed

persuaded

penned

bleak

stubborn

WHAT DID THEY SAY?

Imagine these people are speaking using the vocabulary words. What could they say?

this is meant to be VERY open-ended!

could say he penned or composed some writing

could say he received something dainty

WHAT YOU KNOW

neone persuade their parents to get a pet?

reasonable answers such as explain how to be

ple, have a discussion about why you want one, etc.

and has the same meaning as dainty?

a. clumsy b. miserable c. delicate

of these CANNOT be composed?

a. lemonade b. poem c. song

ich word is the ANTONYM of bleak?

a. lonely b. cheerful c. gloomy

Jameson penned a note to his friend. What did he use?

a. paper and pencil b. computer c. cell phone

6. Is it good or bad for someone to be stubborn? Explain.

accept reasonable answers: good because they are confident and don't give up, or bad because they don't cooperate