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Mindset #12-B-Lesson Development

***Growth Mindset Lesson Plan***

***Note:*** *This lesson needs to take place once the students have a clear knowledge of mindsets.*

**Objectives:**

* The student will apply his/her knowledge of growth and fixed mindsets to analyze the mindsets of characters in a fictional novel he/she has read.
* The student will provide evidence of the characters’ mindsets and explain how the mindsets affected each character.
* The student will explore how the story could have changed if a character had a different mindset and write an alternate scene or ending.
* The student will identify a character in the novel that has a similar mindset as himself/herself and point out how and why they have similar mindsets.

**Materials:**

* any novel
* questions-attached

**Procedures:**

* This activity should be done at the conclusion of a novel.  It could be used with a novel the class has read together, in literature circles, or with books students have read independently.
* Explain to the students that they will be analyzing the characters in the story by assessing their mindsets.
* After reviewing growth mindset vs. fixed mindset, introduce the assignment.
* Included with this lesson plan are questions that can be utilized in various ways for an assessment.
* Students could select a set amount of questions to answer or answer all.
* The questions can be done individually or with a group.
* The format could be using the questions for discussion, to provide written responses, or to present in a slide show, etc.

**Evaluation:**

* Does the student show understanding of growth mindset and fixed mindset through the character analysis?
* If not yet, determine what needs to be done to help the student get there.

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**Character Analysis: Growth Mindset vs. Fixed Mindset**

Novel Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Select \_\_\_\_\_\_ questions from below to answer.

1. Identify a character in the novel that faced a challenge.  What was the challenge?  Did he/she face the challenge with a growth mindset or a fixed mindset?  Provide evidence from the story to support your answer.

1. Identify a character in the novel that you feel demonstrated a growth mindset.  Explain why he/she had a growth mindset and provide evidence from the story.

1. Identify a character in the novel that you feel demonstrated a fixed mindset.  Explain why he/she had a fixed mindset and provide evidence from the story.

1. Choose a character with a growth mindset.  How did this character’s mindset affect other characters in the story?  Provide specific examples.

1. Choose a character with a fixed mindset.  How did this character’s mindset affect other characters in the story?  Provide specific examples.

1. Pick a character from the novel.  How did this character respond to failure or making mistakes?  Did this character respond with a growth or fixed mindset?  Explain your answer with details from the story.

1. Did any characters begin the novel with a fixed mindset, but change and develop a growth mindset by the end of the story?  If so, what caused them to change their mindset?

1. Write a letter to one of the characters with a fixed mindset.  What advice would you want to give him/her?  Given his/her situation in the story, how could you help him/her develop a growth mindset?

1. Choose a character in the story.  How could the story have changed if he/she had a different mindset?  Write an alternate scene or ending given a different mindset.

1. Identify a character in the novel that has the same mindset as you.  Provide examples of how and why you have the same mindset as one of the characters.