

Engaging the Class Lesson Plan

Bradley What Are You Doing?

Grades: 2-4

Goals:

- Discuss which careers students would like to have when they are adults without limiting their choices.
- Create a retelling of the story with students as the characters.

Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Retell the story of Bradley
- Discuss their choice(s) for a career when they are adults.
- Compare and contrast their choices with Bradley's.
- Draw a picture of themselves in their future careers.
- Write about what they will do in these careers.

Teaching Strategy

- Socratic Teaching
- Modeling: Teacher may model his/her career choices as a guide for the students. Perhaps even complete the foldable activity using his/herself ahead of time.

Materials

- *Bradley, What Are You Doing?* by Jesse Strauch, Illustrated by Brittany Flynn
- Paper, glue, pictures of students, crayons, markers, pencils

Classrooms Organization

- Large group during teacher reading and discussion
- Individualized when completing handouts
- Small group when comparing/contrasting

Before Reading

Before reading the book ask students what they think the book will be about just by the title. After they have given some answers, see if any of their answers were correct as you read the book.

While Reading

Ask students:

- If they have ever been as “lost” in their imagination like Bradley?
- How does Bradley's father feel? Why do you think that?
- What do you want to be when you grow up?

After Reading Activities

- Discuss if the students were correct about their guesses about what they thought the book was going to be about.
- What is the sequence of the story connected through the sentence, “Bradley, what are you doing?”
- How do the students know something will happen after reading that sentence?
- Draw and write about what you want to be when you grow up.
- Have students create a foldable book, retelling the story with your students as the main character and their career choices as the backgrounds.



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Foldable Book Instructions

Here are two great free resources on making simple foldable books for this activity.

How to Make Blank Books for Writing

Nellie Edge

<http://www.nellieedge.com/pdf/foldlittlebook.pdf>

How to Make a Quick and Easy 8 Page Mini-Book From One Piece of Paper

Simple and Easy Projects

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21qi9ZcQVto>

Feel free to modify these instructions to suit your needs and if you'd like to do something totally different, there are plenty of designs available online.

