

The Book of Three

Reading Guide

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Pre-Reading

Before Opening the Book

Complete the following information:

AUTHOR: _____

ILLUSTRATOR: _____

PUBLISHER: _____

COPYRIGHT (When was this book written?): _____

This book is an example of: (circle one)

FANTASY

FICTION

NON-FICTION

POETRY

BIOGRAPHY

For the following chapters, list the title and the page number where you would find the chapter.

Chapter	Title	Page
3	_____	_____
7	_____	_____
12	_____	_____
14	_____	_____

Turn to the map page near the front of the book. Talk about the names (Help the students with pronunciations.)

Name the three castles you see. 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What two rivers do you see? 1. _____
2. _____

4th Grade—Literature

Lesson Plan: *The Book of Three, Chapters 1-10*

OBJECTIVE: *The teacher must know the truth or lesson ...*

SWBAT: Understand what makes a hero.

Make predictions regarding contents of book.

Note changes in the main character s (Taran, Eilonwy, Fflewddur, Gurgi....

Make connections with other literature.

<p>SUPPLIES: For each student:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1 book 2. Vocab list 3. Comprehension sheet 4. Vocab quizzes 	<p>INTRODUCTION: <i>The learner attends with interest to the lesson given.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Pre-read book, finding title, author, copyright, etc. •This is a fantasy. •Who do you think the protagonist in this story might be? ... •Could this story happen? Why or why not?
<p>GENERAL PLAN: Mon: Ch 1-2 Tues: Ch 3-4 Wed: Ch 5-6 Vocab work Thurs: Ch 7-8 Fri: Ch 9-10 Review, vocab quiz</p> <p>*As you read, take note of good style, figurative language, story line, and vocabulary. *Gradually require these things in student writing.</p>	<p>REVIEW: <i>Unknown must be explained by the known...</i> Quote by Alexander: <i>“Heroes are people who think more of others than themselves. . . . This is not to say that they don’t think of themselves. They do. They certainly do. But they think of others more.”</i> What is a hero? Do you know any heroes in history? In literature? In your life? (discuss this) On the back cover, we are told that Taran will set out to save Prydain from the forces of evil. Talk about the idea of a simple Assistant Pig-Keeper beginning this kind of quest.</p>
<p>REMINDERS:</p> <p>For next Tuesday: Make vocab cross-word</p> <p>*Character sheet *Students orally summarize chapters each day.</p>	<p>LESSON: The language used as a medium must be common to both... Begin reading Author’s Note. The Book of Three, is also known as the Chronicle of Prydain. What is a chronicle? What type of book is this? It is a fantasy. Hen Wen is an oracular pig. Look up the word oracular. What does that mean?</p> <p>Chapter 1: The Assistant PigKeeper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Read the first sentence of the this chapter. (sword/horseshoes) Which is more appealing to Taran? Why? What are swords used for, etc. •Look up the word practical. (concerned with matters of fact, useful, good at solving problems, sensible) •What do you think of Coll’s statement: The three foundations of learning are to see much, study much and suffer much. Discuss. How could this apply to 4th graders? •Summary: Taran lives at Caer Dallben with his guardians, scholarly Dallben and Coll. He is dissatisfied with his boring life, which is spent studying and working. He wants to be a hero. He is forbidden to leave Caer Dallben. Taran is given the title of Assistant Pig-Keeper by Coll, which means he is responsible for the care of Hen Wen. Hen Wen runs away and Taran follows her. After all, he is responsible for her. <p>Chapter 2: The Mask of the King</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Describe the Horned King and Gwydion. What is Taran’s impression of Gwydion? (royal or not) •Why is Gwydion seeking HenWen? Why is Taran seeking her? •At the end of the chapter Taran says, “. . . I don’t even know who I am” . What do you think the author means? (Who his parents are/who he will become through the story) •Summary: Taran meets Gwydion, a great hero and a prince.They join forces to find Hen Wen.

Lesson plan continued on next page

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Vocabulary List 1

Using your dictionary, define the following words from your reading. On the short blank, write the part of speech. (*adj.*, *n.*, *adv.*, *v.*) Some of the words have been done for you.

1. ponderous *adj.* Clumsy because of great weight and size.
2. oracular *adj.* Able to give wise answers or advice: thought to come from some deity.
3. insolent *adj.* Disrespect, rudeness
4. goad(s) _____
5. dire *adj.* Desperately urgent.
6. abode _____
7. oblige _____
8. osier *n.* A willow rod used in basketry.
9. stupefy _____
10. pallid *adj.* Lacking in color.

Choose 5 words. On notebook paper, write 5 sentences using one chosen vocabulary word in each sentence. Check your work for spelling and punctuation. Is it neat? Turn the sentences in.

___30 points

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Vocabulary Quiz 1

A. Matching: Please read each definition carefully. Write the number of the word beside the correct definition.

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|--------------|-------|--|
| 1. ponderous | _____ | provoke someone to action |
| 2. oracular | _____ | require somebody to do something |
| 3. insolent | _____ | desperately urgent. |
| 4. goad(s) | _____ | lacking in color |
| 5. dire | _____ | a willow rod used in basketry |
| 6. abode | _____ | amaze or astonish |
| 7. oblige | _____ | able to give wise answers or advice |
| 8. osier | _____ | somebody's home |
| 9. stupefy | _____ | disrespect, rudeness |
| 10. pallid | _____ | clumsy because of great weight and size. |

B. Write five sentences using two different vocabulary words in each sentence. Use notebook paper and make sure each sentence shows that you understand the meaning of the word. Check for spelling and punctuation. (4 points each)

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Comprehension Questions

Chapters 1-5

Author's Note:

1. *The Book of Three*, also known as the Chronicle of Prydain, is a _____.

2. What is a chronicle? _____

Chapter 1: *The Assistant Pig Keeper*

1. Match the following characters to their description.

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| _____ Taran | A. in charge of the practical side of Taran's education. |
| _____ Dallben | B. Lord of Annuvin |
| _____ Coll | C. an oracular pig |
| _____ Gwydion | D. mightiest hero in Prydain |
| _____ Hen Wen | E. wants to be a hero |
| _____ Arawn | F. master of Caer Dallben |

2. Hen Wen is an oracular pig. What does that mean? _____

3. Coll told Taran that the three foundations of learning were _____ much,
_____ much and _____ much.

Chapter 2: *The Mask of the King*

1. Describe the Horned King. _____

2. When Gwydion offered Tarn his flask, why did Taran not believe he was Gwydion?

3. Gwydion was seeking Hen Wen in order to discover all she _____ of the
_____ King.

4. The Horned King had sworn allegiance to _____.

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Answer Key

Vocabulary Quiz 1

A. Matching. B. Sentence work will vary.

- 4 provoke someone to action
- 7 require somebody to do something
- 5 desperately urgent.
- 10 lacking in color
- 8 a willow rod used in basketry
- 9 amaze or astonish
- 2 able to give wise answers or advice
- 6 somebody's home
- 3 disrespect, rudeness
- 1 clumsy because of great weight and size.

Comprehension Sheet 1

Author's Note

1. *The Book of Three*, also known as the Chronicle of Prydain, is a fantasy.
2. What is a chronicle? A chronicle is an account of events told in chronological, or time, order.

Chapter 1: The Assistant Pig Keeper

1. Match the following characters to their description.

- E Taran
- F Dallben
- A Coll
- D Gwydion
- C Hen Wen
- B Arawn

2. Hen Wen is a knowing, wise, prophetic pig
3. ...see much, study much and suffer much.

Chapter 2: The Mask of the King

1. The Horned King's mask was a human skull. Great antlers rose in cruel curves and his eyes blazed behind the gaping sockets of whitened bone.
2. Gwydion did not look like a prince and wore very simple clothes.
3. Gwydion was seeking Hen Wen in order to discover all she knew of the Horned King.
4. Arawn
5. Gwydion's horse is named Melyngar.

Chapter 3: Gurgi

1. Coll
2. crunching and munching-strips of dried meat
3. Taran cried, "Then we must find her (Hen Wen) before he (the Horned King) does!"

Chapter 4: The Gwythaints

1. The gwythaints are called the Eyes of Annuvin. The errand of the gwythaints is less to kill than to bring information.
2. The Cauldron-Born are the dead whose bodies Arawn steals from their resting places in the long barrows.
3. Medwyn is an ancient dweller in the foothills of Eagle Mountains. He understands the hearts and ways of