

# The Zoo

## Short Story Lesson

**PDF & Digital Formats**



## 2 Peas and a Dog

Middle School Teaching Resources

# RESOURCE INCLUDES

- ☐ Detailed Lesson Plan
- ☐ Comprehension Questions
- ☐ Graphic Organizers
- ☐ Answer Keys
- ☐ Assessment Criteria
- ☐ Final Assessment
- ☐ Google Slides Format
- ☐ Individual PDFs of student pages to post to Google Classroom™

# EXAMPLE PAGES

## LESSON PLAN



**Lesson Overview:** The teacher will read a short story out loud to the class, provide time for the comprehension questions and completion of the graphic organizers.

### Materials Needed:

- ☐ Double-sided photocopy, or use the digital version of the provided short story analysis sheets, comprehension questions, Extend Your Learning choice board, and select 1 assessment sheet (rubric or points-based)
- ☐ Class set of "The Zoo" by Edward D. Hoch short story (Find this through a Google search for the short story name and PDF)

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### Teacher Instructions:

1. Read the short story out loud.
2. Provide students time to complete the comprehension questions.
3. Collect the questions for assessment.
4. Provide students time to complete the graphic organizers.
5. Collect for assessment.
6. Give students time to work on their Extend Your Learning activity.
7. Collect for assessment on the due date.

### Answer Key Note:

A sample answer key has been provided for the short story. All items are subject to interpretation of the reader.

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## LITERARY ELEMENTS

### Plot

Plot is the major events that take place during the story.

Inciting incident is the event that starts the story.

Climax is the highest point of conflict in the story.

Resolution is the ending of the story, where the conflict is usually resolved.

### Text Example

Inciting Incident:

Climax:

Resolution:

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## "THE ZOO" ANSWER KEY

Plot	<p><b>Inciting Incident</b> The spaceship lands in an area just outside of Chicago.</p> <p><b>Climax</b> When the spaceship returns to Kaan, or when the he-creature encourages his she-creature to come along next time because it worth the cost.</p> <p><b>Resolution</b> The little-creature exclaims that it was the best zoo ever.</p>
Character	<p><b>Description</b> Professor Hugo (Major/Antagonist/Static) tricks both the humans of Earth and the horse-spider people into paying for this zoo experience.</p> <p><b>Horse-spider People of Kaan</b> (Major/Protagonist/Static) pay for the experience to visit 8 different planets, but they do not know that they are the zoo exhibit.</p>

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### Resolution

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### Horse-spider People of Kaan

Major Protagonist/Static) pay for the experience of visiting different planets, but they do not know that they are the zoo exhibit.

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