

Mini-Lesson: Characters in a Story

- 1. Grade Level/ Audience:** 3rd Grade
- 2. Curriculum Topics: RL.3.3** Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events.
- 3. Tools: Powerpoint and Clips**
- 4. Synopsis of what I am doing including how I will use the tools:**

In this lesson, I will use the tools powerpoint and Clips to teach how to describe characters in a story. First, I will create a powerpoint that explains how to describe characters by their traits, motivations, and feelings. The powerpoint will give examples of each way to describe characters. I will use examples from books that we have recently read in the classroom. The students will at the end of the powerpoint get a list of different terms they can use to describe characters in a story. Students then will watch a Clips video I made of myself reading a short book to them. The Clips video will give the students a break from having to watch me read from a book and instead get to watch a video to change up the routine a little bit. Students will then at the end of the video describe those characters from the Clips story. They will write three sentences describing the traits, motivations, and feelings of each character in the book. For students that may be struggling, I will have them watch the video more than once. (I will upload both the video and powerpoint to my website so that students can view at home).