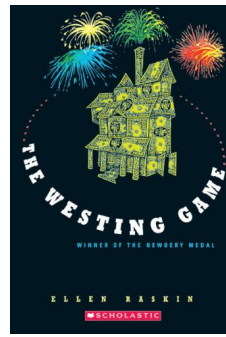


Reading for Kidz: *The Westing Game* Session 2: 45 minute session

5 minutes - go over what happened in ch. 1-2

20 minutes - Read Aloud (Ch. 3)

20 minutes - Activities:



5 minutes - Ask them if they remember what happened in the book and go over the short summary below

Summary (Ch. 1-2): In Chapters 1-2 of “The Westing Game” we see how Barney Northrup is able to negotiate with people and move them into The Sunset Towers. After moving in, each of the characters are settling in and throughout the chapters we learn more about each of them. We also learn that one of the people who moved in was a mistake and was not supposed to be sold one of the apartments. We are trying to figure out who is the mistake as we go through the rest of the chapters and learn more about each of the characters. At the end of chapters 1-2, we learn that there is smoke coming from The Westing House which is supposed to be vacant.

10 Minute Discussion - See if they have any questions about the book, especially with vocab. **Ask:** “Did you like the book?” “What do you think of The Westing House?” “What do you think is going to happen next?” **Ask** questions below: “Does anyone remember....”

1. Whose parent tells them to study? *Mr. Hoo*
2. Who is the dressmaker that lives on the second floor? *Flora Baumbach*
3. Who kicks people in the shins if you touch their braid? *Turtle Wexler*
4. What type of car does Judge J.J. Ford drive? *A maroon mercedes*
5. Who is getting fitted for their wedding dress? *Angela Wexler*
6. Who says that no one ever pays attention to her? *Sydelle Pulaski*

5 minute answer questions - Go over the elements of a mystery novel and see if they have any questions.

15 Minute Fun Activity: Draw your dream Halloween costume and write about why you would like to wear it for Halloween and what the costume means to you?

Directions: In the book *The Westing House* Turtle Wexler plans to be a witch for Halloween. Even though her mother does not approve of the costume Turtle plans to wear it anyway. Think about what your ideal Halloween costume is and what you want to be for Halloween? Draw it and write about it.

Ex. For Halloween I would like to be a fairy. I want to be a fairy because I have always loved the movie *Sleeping Beauty* and the fairies always make me laugh and smile. I want to be like them and my favorite Halloween costume would be a fairy because I could be like the ones in *Sleeping Beauty*.