

Reading for Kidz: *The Westing Game* Session 1: 1 hour session

5 minute - Pre Survey

20 minutes - Read Aloud (Ch. 1-2)

35 minutes - Activities:



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. How does Barney Northrup sell people on the apartments?

He knows what they like and knows what they need in an apartment so they will want to buy it.

2. Chapter 1 is told from what point of view?

3rd person omniscient narrator

3. What do you think the mood is for chapters 1-2?

Suspenseful

10 minute answer questions - have them answer the questions on the worksheet see if they need any help and guide them through it and go over the elements of a mystery novel

30 Minute Fun Activity: Draw a mystery house/place in your neighborhood and describe it

Directions: In the book The Westing House is a mysterious place that people do not know much about and they are unsure about who lives there. Draw a picture of a place that I have always wondered about. Maybe you don't know who lives there, or what goes on there, or have never seen anyone go there, or the people who go there always end up injured. Describe the place on your paper.

15 minutes - Draw the picture

15 minutes - Present their pictures and their descriptions

Ex. Near where I live there is a barn house that is a part of Cal State Fullerton. I have never seen anyone come out of the house but I always see cars parked. On the outside it looks like a typical barn and then has many cars parked to the side. I am curious to see what it looks like inside since people live there and how they have converted the barn into a place to live.