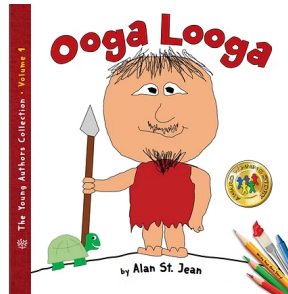


Ooga Looga - Before Reading

Ooga Looga is a story about a character's heart. Many stories tell us why a character makes the choices he/she makes and what causes them to solve problems in the way they do.

This is the cover of the Ooga Looga book. Before you read the book, make some guesses about why Ooga Looga and his pet turtle, Dave, hunt dinosaurs.



After you read the book, **Ooga Looga**, watch the music video. Do you think there is anything else to the story that might be a reason Ooga Looga makes his decisions and solves problems the way he does?

Core Standard(s):

Glossary Terms: [References](#)

Ooga Looga - After Reading

Character Voice with Creative Language

Sometimes when writers write their stories, they make changes to the rules we follow for English grammar to give their characters a unique voice. Reread **Ooga Looga** with a partner. Play with your voices and use the text from the book to give Ooga Looga a “caveman” sounding voice. Write some of those funny words, phrases and sentences that make Ooga Looga sound the way he sounds. See if you and your partner can rewrite those words, phrases and sentences back into grammatically correct English. Then, read those words, phrases and sentences like a caveman would sound. Which sounds more like a caveman - the author’s words or the corrected words? Why?

Challenge: Become the author. Play with some of Ooga Looga’s words and change the character. Change the words to create a unique voice for your character (or characters).

Ooga Looga words/phrases/sentences:	Character 1: Dinosaur	Character 2: Dave the Turtle	Character 3: _____
Hungry Ooga Looga			
Tonight, me have steak.			

Core Standard(s):

Glossary Terms: [References](#)

Ooga Looga Beginning Sound Toss - suitable for primary (before or after activity)

Ooga Looga is a silly story that is full of silly sounds. Use a ball or fun object and do the beginning sound toss to practice focusing on those beginning sounds.

Say a word: Ooga

Ask students: What is the beginning sound in Ooga?

Toss the ball to a student.

The student should reply: OO

Teacher should repeat, the beginning sound we hear in Ooga is...and the whole class should say ooo as the student tosses the ball back to the teacher.

Say a word: Looga

Ask students: What is the beginning sound in Looga?

Toss the ball to a student.

The student should reply: llll

Teacher should repeat, the beginning sound we hear in Looga is...and the whole class should say lll as the student tosses the ball back to the teacher.

Options: Instead of beginning sound use ending sound, rhymes with, does these two words rhyme, etc. If students are ready, they could use the book and find words to use for the activity to challenge the class.

You can also use the ASL signs for “choose me, please” to allow students to show the teacher that they are ready without blurting, or use any sign your class knows.

Ooga Looga - After Reading Activity (suitable for primary)

Let's fill in the blanks to retell this story.

In the story, a caveman named _____ heard his tummy rumble. He knew he was _____. He took his spear to the river to catch a _____. The fish _____ Ooga Looga, but he popped out of the fish's tummy and cooked the fish. A _____ smelled the fish cooking and came to eat Ooga Looga's fish. The dinosaur _____ Ooga Looga into feeding him the fish. When Ooga Looga fed the fish to the dinosaur, the dinosaur _____ Ooga Looga! Ooga popped out of the dinosaur's tummy and took him home to cook _____.

Words to use for the summary:

Ooga Looga	hungry	fish	ate	dinosaur
tricked	ate	steak		

Challenge Activity: Have students illustrate story panels to use to challenge classmates to put them in order.

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