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Flat Stanley Novel Study Curriculum Map

Stanley is a nice average boy who leads a nice, ordinary life. Then one day a bulletin board falls on him and suddenly Stanley is as flat as a pancake! Being flat, he gets to have interesting adventures, but he also experiences a roller coaster of emotions. He is mailed in a large envelope to California to visit a friend. His brother, Arthur, flies Stanley the Kite in the park. Then, Stanley thinks of a brilliant idea to help the director of the Famous Museum of Art to catch the gang of sneak thieves. He stops a crime and becomes a hero! Despite all the attention, Stanley wishes he were normal again... can anyone help him?

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Whole Book Activities

- Students write a letter to Stanley
- Emotions in the Novel
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- Act out a scene from the book
- Create a comic book of the story
- Word Search

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Chapter 1

Before you read the chapter:

Examine the picture on page 3. Tell what you observe about Stanley's bedroom.

Name three things about your bedroom that are different than Stanley's.

Vocabulary:

Look at the illustration on page 5. Stanley is having an examination at Dr. Dan's office. The word "examination" can have different meanings. It depends on how it is used in a sentence. An examination can be a test, an inspection, an investigation, or a medical check-up. What does the doctor "check-up" when you go for an examination?



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Questions:

1. What made Stanley wake up?

2. List **three** things Stanley and Arthur put on their bulletin board.

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

3. What did Stanley's parents see when they lifted the bulletin board?

4. How did Stanley feel after the bulletin board fell on him?

5. What was Dr. Dan's reaction to seeing a flat Stanley?

6. Why did the nurse take Stanley's measurements?



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Language Activities:

1. a) Each chapter in a novel is a series of events that happen in order from the beginning to end. When the sequence is complete, you have a chapter outline or summary of main ideas. Number the order of the sentences below. The first one has been done for you.

- 1 Mrs. Lambchop had prepared breakfast.
- _____ The nurse measured a flat Stanley.
- _____ Arthur shouted at his parents to check Stanley.
- _____ The bulletin board fell on Stanley.
- _____ Mr. and Mrs. Lambchop lifted the board.
- _____ Dr. Dan examined Stanley in his office.
- _____ Stanley didn't realize he was flat.
- _____ Stanley said that he felt fine.
- _____ Stanley's clothes must be altered by a tailor.

- b) Choose the three most important things that happened out of the list and copy them below. You now have a **chapter outline**!



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2. Stanley's bulletin board was very big. Underline 10 enormous adjectives in this paragraph that describes the terrifying T. Rex dinosaur.

The Tyrannosaurus was an imposing and sizeable creature! It was a huge, fierce dinosaur that was so immense. The T-rex was a gigantic and tall reptile with a great, massive body and large, hind legs. This giant was very heavy, towering over other dinosaurs.



3. Choose **two** adjectives from the word bank that describe each noun.

sunny
fluffy

soft
comic

interesting
slithery

hot
happy

funny
green

a) cloud

b) clown

c) book

d) snake

e) day



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4. Some words can be used as a **noun** (a person, place or thing) or as a **verb** (an action word). Write **N** for noun and **V** for verb to tell how each underlined word from Chapter 1 is used in the sentence.

- a) _____ The athlete is training for the competition.
- b) _____ Policemen must complete a long period of training.
- c) _____ The tired cyclist finally reached the finish line.
- d) _____ I have to finish my homework soon!
- e) _____ The trip to the museum was a great experience.
- f) _____ Stanley will experience many emotions in the novel.
- g) _____ I thought that the movie was great.
- h) _____ That thought didn't even cross my mind.
- i) _____ I had a good night's sleep.
- j) _____ It's very late, so it's time to go to sleep.
- k) _____ My friend gave me a dirty look when I said that.
- l) _____ I must look for that book in my room.



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5. A **consonant digraph** is two consonants that together stand for one sound. You can hear consonant digraphs in these words: peach, ship, think, and white.

Choose the correct consonant digraph to correctly complete these words from the story. Your choices are: **ch sh th wh**

a) ____ ared

b) Ar ____ ur

c) Lamb ____ op

d) spee ____

e) ____ eerfully

f) benea ____

g) ____ at

h) ____ ey

i) ____ at

j) ____ out

k) go ____!

l) ____ ing

m) ____ en

n) ____ ile

o) ____ ese

p) mu ____

q) ____ ought

r) ____ ick

s) bo ____

t) fini ____ed

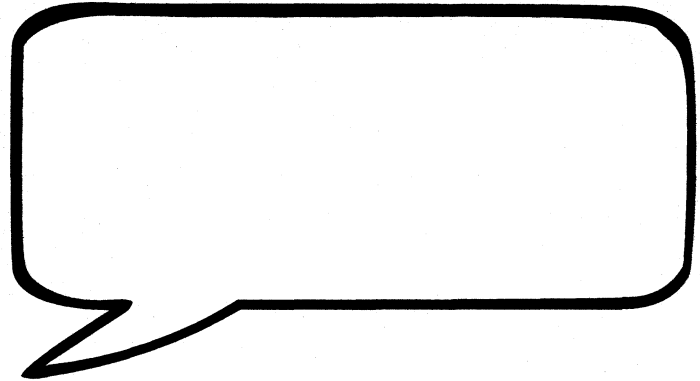
Extension Activities:

1. When Arthur shouted to his parents, "Hey! Come and look!", Mr. Lambchop said that "**hay is for horses, not people**". He wanted Arthur to talk politely and use careful speech. Make a class comic book of good manners. Write an example of polite speech in the word bubble and then draw a picture to go with it. Cut and staple all the cartoons together to form a book.



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2. **Measurement:** Dr. Dan's nurse took Stanley's measurements so his clothes could be altered. The metric system of measurement is used by most of the world, but the United States and Great Britain still use the older imperial system. Using a metric and imperial measured ruler, measure some objects in the class and record your findings in both systems of measurement.

Objects	Length or Height	Width
Stanley	4 feet / _____ meters	1/2 inch / 1.25 cm
blackboard		
copybook		

3. **Modern Medicine:** Dr. Dan remarked that doctors "can only marvel at how little we know after years of training and experience". With new discoveries in medical research, doctors can improve their patients' health and their medical knowledge.

Do some research and find one recent discovery in medical research to share with your class.

