

Lesson Plan for the Bone Series by Jeff Smith

Pre-Reading Activities:

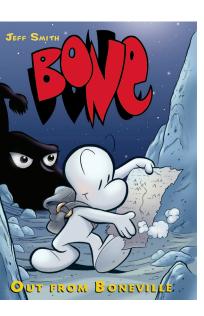
 The theme of the Bone series is adventure and how an ordinary character becomes a hero. Have students make a list of heroes and a short phrase that describes each hero's adventure. Collect the answers. Put them on your interactive whiteboard and have students match them up.

During Reading:

- Comic panels are like movies. Some panels are close ups while others are long shots. Have students choose a panel and write about why the author chose the long or the short shot.
- 2. The space between the panels is known as the gutter. The author/artist often implies events that happen between panels in the gutter. Have students work in pairs and find an example of how this is true. What happened in the space?
- 3. Have students compare the three cousins.

Post Reading:

- 1. Have students practice dialogue punctuation by writing out a few pages of one of the Bone books in narrative form.
- 2. Sometimes the humor in a comic may not read the same for a second language learner. Pair students together and find examples of humor.
- 3. Bone characters often act as heroes. Have students create their own hero. What is his or her name? Who is his or her sidekick? What does he or she wear?



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