

## Lesson Plan

### Frog Fairytale

**Book:** *Bullfrogs*

**Series:** Neighborhood Safari

**Level:** Pioneer

### Objective

To help students write a fictional story based on facts about bullfrogs.

### Supplies

- *Bullfrogs* book
- Whiteboard
- Paper and pencils

### Before the Activity

Read the *Bullfrogs* book out loud to students.

### Activity

Ask students to list some of the main ideas from the book. Write the ideas on the whiteboard, using the following sample answers as a guide:

- Bullfrogs live near water.
- Bullfrogs are good swimmers.
- Bullfrogs have strong legs and webbed feet.
- Bullfrogs lay eggs.
- Tadpoles hatch from the eggs and live in water.
- Tadpoles leave the water to become adult frogs.
- Bullfrogs eat insects.
- Bullfrogs catch prey with their tongues.

Facts can be a great leaping-off point for a made-up story. Ask students to choose some of the facts on the board and write a story based on them. The story should have a beginning, a middle, and an end. Give students time to write. Then invite a few volunteers to read their stories aloud to the class.

### Evaluation

Could students recall key information from the text? Were they able to make up a new story based on that information?

**Standards**

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade 1 (RI 1.2), and writing standards, grade 1 (W 1.3).