

Time Travelers Literature - Session 4

Book: The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling

This session's book is about John Midas, who loves to eat chocolate. John acquires The Chocolate Touch, and the only way to get rid of it is to decide who/what is most important to him. This book is written at a 3rd grade reading level, and might be a little more challenging than books from previous sessions. As always, you are welcome to use an audio book, or read aloud to your child.

As in past sessions, students will receive a Homework Bookmark each week. The Homework Bookmark will have the reading assignment, as well as a few questions to answer, or something to think about for the following week. The homework will also be posted on the ODE website. Please check the website each week in case there are any additions/changes to the assignments listed below.

This session, we will try to do some writing during class each week in response to a theme or topic from our reading assignment. This could include writing as a class, group writing, partner writing, or independent writing. We have all different kinds of writers in our class, and our assignments will meet each student at his or her ability level (I won't be expecting long sentences or perfect spelling). I only want to allow everyone to practice putting their thoughts into words, and their words on to paper (and I will be ready to offer lots of support along the way).

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Week 1 (April 5) - Introduction to The Chocolate Touch. We will read Chapter 1 together in class, and discuss the main characters

Homework: Read Chapter 2

Week 2 (April 12) - Discuss Chapter 2 (John finds the coin and the candy store).

Homework: Read Chapters 3 & 4

Week 3 (April 26) - Discuss Chapters 3 & 4 (John's initial reaction to his Chocolate Touch, and how it is affecting his daily life).

Homework: Read Chapters 5 & 6

Week 4 (May 3) - Discuss Chapters 5 & 6 (Introduction to Miss Plimsole; how the Chocolate Touch is affecting John as the school day progresses).

Homework: Read Chapters 7 & 8

Week 5 (May 10) - Discuss Chapters 7 & 8 (Introduction to Mrs. Quaver; further dilemmas with the Chocolate Touch).

Homework: Read Chapters 9 & 10

Week 6 (May 17) - Discuss Chapters 9 & 10 (How John feels about chocolate now, and what happens when he goes back to the candy store).

Homework: Read Chapters 11 & 12

Week 7 (May 24) - Discuss Chapters 11 & 12 (John must make a decision to end The Chocolate Touch)

Homework: Optional Book Project

Week 8 (May 31) - Presentation of any Book Projects. Book related game and activities. Prepare for the Grand Finale.