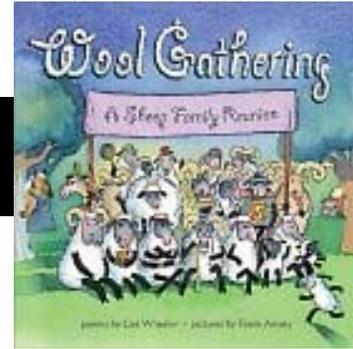


Wool Gathering



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Knowledge

How many sheep attend the family reunion? Can you get an exact count or just an estimate? Why?

List all the different kind of sheep that attend the reunion. (Ex. rams, ewes)

Comprehension

Describe your favorite sheep.

Are there any naughty sheep at the reunion? Who are they?

Application

Decide which sheep poem is your favorite. Why is it? Do you like the character? The words? The pictures?

If you had to take one sheep home, who would it be? Who would you NOT want to take home, why?

Analysis

How are the older sheep different from the younger ones?

With a parent or teacher, find three puns (word jokes).

Synthesis

What's the funniest illustration in the book? Why?

What would you write about your family's reunion?

Evaluation

Do you think the sheep will meet again next year? Why?

What happens at next year's sheep family reunion?

Poetry Project: Ewe Can Do Sheep Wordplay

Using "Mary Had a Little Lamb" as pattern, write a whole new poem.

Here's an example from WOOL GATHERING:

*Itchy is a little lamb
His fleece is white as rice
You wonder how he got his
name?
Just ask his fleas and lice!*

Here is a pattern to follow:

_____ had a little _____
His/her _____ was ___ as ___
Everywhere that _____ went
The _____ was sure to _____

Here's a finished example:

*Justin had a little fish.
Her scales were blue as water.
Everywhere that Justin went
The fish was sure to totter.
Feel free to change the verbs*

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Verbal/ Linguistic

Find the rhyming words in each poem. Is the rhyme in the middle of the word or the ending?

Logical/ Mathematical

If each sheep wants two cookies, and there are 40 sheep at the reunion, how many cookies should you bake?

Only half of the folks at the reunion are old, but they want to drink tea not soda. How many cups should you make?

There are fourteen families at the reunion. If each of them brings a new lambie next year, how many more cookies will you have to make next year?

Visual/ Spatial

Find something in your house made out of wool. Then, throughout the yard, or find scraps of stuff in the house that remind you of wool. (Close your eyes when you touch something to see if it feels the same.) When you have several things, create a wool collage art piece. You can cut it out in the shape of a sheep, or just enjoy it the way you glued it down!

Body/ Kinesthetic

What are all the sports mentioned in Wool Gathering? What are your favorite sports to play? Try a new one, and tell whether it would be a good choice for your next family reunion.

Musical/ Rhythmic

Clap your hands to the rhythm of the poems. Use two (or more) short claps for words with more than one syllable, and just one for the single words. Try to match the rhythm of the words as your parent/ teacher reads them aloud.

Interpersonal

Send a card to a relative you haven't seen in a while. Tell them about the books you've been reading, and what you've been doing since you saw them last. Be sure to mail it!

Intrapersonal

If you were in a family reunion book, what would your family write about you? What types of things make you different than others? How are you alike? Make a poster titled: Ewe are Special and put pictures of things about you: your favorite color, game, book, friend, and anything else that you love too!