

# **General Lesson Plan**

## **A Poem That Changed a Village a Long, Long Time Ago**

### **General Learning Outcomes :**

- The student will be able to develop compassion (which helps counter bullying).
- The student will be able to develop vocabulary.

Ages : 7 years old and over

Word count : 561

Themes : compassion, vocabulary development, respect of self and others, encouragement, joy, belonging, harmony, history, collaboration, kindness, rumours

### **Before the reading**

Discussion : What do you think it means to be respectful with your words? Are the people surrounding you always respectful with their words? How about you?

### **Time Frame: varies**

**This can lead to important discussions well worth taking the time to have. The class sits comfortably in a circle on the floor. The teacher explains at the beginning that it is important that no one interrupts the spokesperson, the one holding the special object.**

**The responsibilities are to listen attentively, only taking a second turn to speak when no one comes forth wanting a first turn to speak. Raise your hand and wait until named before asking a question.**

**During the reading :**

- A) Have students share the reading if multiple copies of the book are in the classroom or if the book is projected.
- B) A student can respond with an action, for example raise a hand or clap their hands, every time she or he notices a word related to a chosen above mentioned theme.

**After the reading :**

- A) Discussion of the values mentioned at the beginning to ensure proper understand of their meaning.
- B) How was compassion shown in this story?

Other fun activities to do related to the story '*A Poem That Changed a Village a Long, Long Time Ago*', to further develop compassion is:

**-Write your own poem or song about only using impeccable (thoughtful) words.**

**-In your family, your class, your team or among your friends, give yourselves the challenge of only speaking well of yourselves and of others.**

Hope you enjoy these activities!

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