

Grade 3

Unit 1: Classic Tales: *The Wind in the Willows*



Unit-level Essential Question

How can literature teach us about ourselves and others?

Lessons 1–5

Guiding Question: How can a reader use their imagination to better understand a story?

Writing Prompt: Mole learns about the River Bank and the Wild Wood, but Rat does not tell him anything about the Wide World. Based on context clues, what do you think the Wide World is like?

Lessons 6–10

Guiding Question: What do characters' actions say about them?

Writing Prompt: How does Mole react when things in his home aren't clean or ready? How does Rat react? What do their reactions say about each character?

Lessons 11–15

Guiding Question: Do stories need to be exactly like real life?

Writing Prompt: How is the trial led by the Queen similar to and different from real trials?

Unit 1 Culminating Activity

Imagine you are one of the characters who met Alice during her adventures. Write a journal entry retelling their encounter from that character's perspective. Do they like Alice? How did they feel during and after their encounter?