

LITERATURE UPDATE

The Secret Water

In this Chinese legend, villagers must climb a mountain each day to get water. When a girl comes up with a better plan, a river becomes angry and tries to imprison her.

How Do We Use Water?

This social science article explains how people use water for drinking, bathing, cooking, and building.

Water at Work

Readers take a trip down the Columbia River, describing how people who live and work in places along the river use water for crops, electricity, and to make paper products.

Water for Life

Our class is learning about the importance of water in our everyday lives. We are reading stories and legends about water, as well as nonfiction articles about how we use water at home and at work. We are also learning that stories have events and that these events make up the plot of a story. We want to hear more about your favorite stories, so we are hoping you will share a favorite story with us.

Unit 2 Skills Focus

- Vocabulary:** Relate Words
- Reading:** Clarify Ideas and Vocabulary
- Literary Analysis:** Elements of Plot; Main Ideas and Details
- Grammar:** Subjects and Predicates
- Writing:** Paragraph Study; The Writing Process

DESCRIBE A PLOT

Work with a family member to describe a plot from a favorite movie or book.

1. Have your family member describe the plot to you. Take notes about the story in the box below. What is the problem in the story? How is it fixed?

<p>Conflict:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Resolution:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

2. Next, retell the story back to your family member. Be sure to tell all the events.
3. Bring your notes to school and retell the story to the class. Invite classmates to guess the story.