

Lesson Plans

HOWIE

Name _____

Author _____

Illustrator _____

Looking at the cover, we see this book is based on a true story. Can you explain, 'based on a true story'?

Chapter 1

1. What breeds were Howie's parents. (pg. 1)
2. The author calls Howie a _____.(pg.2)
3. What is the meaning of the phrase, "tear jerker"? (pg.3)
4. Who adopted Howie? (pg.4)
5. What were some of Howie's needs? (pg.4)
6. Do you think the Coopers are good dog owners? Explain. (pg.4)
7. When the author says Howie had "an accident" what does she mean? (pg.5)
8. Were the Coopers happy with Howie? How do you know? (pg.5)
9. What did the Coopers decide to do about Howie? (pg.6)
10. Was Mildred's Animal Shelter a good solution for Howie? Explain.

Chapter 2

1. Did the community like Mildred? Explain. (pg.7)
2. Did the other dogs living in the shelter like Mildred? Explain.(pg7)
3. What is 'a humanitarian'? (pg.7)
4. In your opinion, is Mildred a humanitarian? (pg.7)

5. Where were the dogs kept at the shelter? (pg.7)
6. Was Howie's stay at the shelter long or short? (pg.8)
7. How could a dog leave the shelter? (pg.8)
8. Who are Jose and Jaime? (pg.9)
9. Mildred feeds the dogs "expired" food. What does that mean? (pg.9)
10. What 2 things did Howie do each day that helped him live his life in the shelter? (pgs.10&11)
11. Name 2 dogs Howie loved to watch in the shelter. (pg.11&12)
12. How did Oz help Howie? (pg.12)
13. Can you name 2 different breeds of dogs? (pgs. 1, 11, 12)
14. How many dogs live in the shelter? (pg.13)

Chapter 3

1. During Howie's 4th year in the shelter, volunteers came to help. What is a volunteer? (pg.14)
2. Did the volunteers like walking Howie? Explain. (pg.14)
3. Who is Shera? (pg.15)
4. What does the author mean when she says that Shera is, "true to her word"? (pg.15)
5. Name 4 things Shera did to help the dogs' lives in the shelter? (pgs.16 &17)
6. Who is Leonard? (pg.17)
7. How did Leonard feel about Mildred? (pg.17)
8. The author describes Shera as "a problem solver". What does that mean? (pg.18)
9. Who is 'The Team'? (pg.18)

10. What was their plan for getting the dogs adopted? (pg.18)
11. Name 3 things The Team did to help their 'focus' dogs. (pg.18&19)
12. Who worked with Big Red, Rusty and Rudy? (pg.20)
13. Where did they train? (pg.20)
14. Name 2 ways The Team told the community about adopting the shelter dogs. (pg. 21)

Chapter 4

1. Who fell in love with Howie's face? (pg.22)
2. How did they learn about Howie? (pg.21)
3. Mildred was not happy about Howie's chance. Why? (pg.22)
4. How did Shera change Mildred's mind? (pg.22)
5. Name 3 things the volunteers did to help Howie get adopted. (pg.23)
6. What did Shera and Jose do to get Howie ready for his special meeting? (pg.24)
7. Think of a word to describe how this made Howie feel. (pg.24)
8. When Tom and Myca said, "We want Howie", what did Shera do? What did Jose and Jaime do? What did Martha do? (pg.25)
9. Why did the author say, "What a joke!"? (pg.25)
10. Where did Tom and Myca live? (pg.25)
11. What other shelter dogs found homes that week? (pg.26)

Chapter 5

1. Who gave Howie a big "send off"? (pg.27)
2. Who went to Santa Barbara with Howie? (pg.27)
3. Who first greeted Howie when he arrived in Santa Barbara? (pg.28)
4. Do you think Howie will be happy in Santa Barbara? _____. Why? (pg.29)
5. What does the author mean by sentence #1 on page 30?

6. What did Mildred receive from Tom and Myca (pg.30)
7. How do you, the reader, know that Tom, Myca and Howie lived happily ever after?
(pg.31)
8. On the final page the author writes P.S. Can you explain what this means? (pg.32)
9. In your opinion, is Howie heroic?