

Lesson Plans

Song of a Little League Pitcher

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Page 1

1. The pitcher wakes up in the middle of the night.

How does he feel?

Page 2

1. Why does the pitcher take a shower?
2. What is on his mind?

Page 3

1. What is the meaning of "pitching Greats"?
2. What is the meaning of "I knew the minds of champion pitchers" ...
3. Looking at the illustration, how do you know the pitcher is thinking?

Page 4.

1. The pitcher leaves a note for his parents. Why?

Page 5.

1. What is the meaning of ... "The Bears were hot..."?
2. What is the meaning of ... "a pitcher shapes a game with throws"?

Page 6.

1. What does "cool" mean?
2. What does the crowd going "insane" mean?

Page 7.

1. Who is Jeff?
2. The pitcher feels “up-tight”. What does he mean?
3. How do you think Jeff will help the pitcher?

Page 8

1. What position does Jeff play?
2. What do the 2 boys do for 4 hours?
3. Explain the meaning of lines 3 and 4.

Page 9

1. What is the meaning of the word “heart”?

Page 10

1. What 3 adverbs describe how the pitcher wants to pitch?

Page 11

1. Who is standing behind Jeff?
2. What is his job?

Page 12.

1. Why is the coach happy?
2. How do the coach’s words make the pitcher feel?

Page 13

1. What does “the fourth” mean?
2. How do the Bears feel?
3. Why?

Page 14

1. How many bases does the runner take with a “double”?

Page 15

1. Did the Bears get any runs in the 4th inning?

Page 16

1. When the crowd begins to cheer, how does the pitcher react?
2. Does he get a hit in the 5th inning?

Page 17.

1. What is the score in the last inning?
2. How is the pitcher feeling?

Page 18

1. What batter gives the pitcher a problem?
2. How many bases does batter 2 take? Page 19.
1. What does the illustration on this page tell us about the pitcher?

Page 20

1. What does "shut out" mean?

Page 21

1. How do the pitcher's fans and teammates show their appreciation?

Page 22

1. What is the difference in the pitcher's mood comparing Page 1 with Page 22?
2. The pitcher describes his performance as "clean and tight". What does he mean?

