

Teacher Notes: Ready Set Discover Logan

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Age Level: 4 – 10 years Word Count: 850 words

Discussion Ideas

Knowledge and Literal Understanding

- City of Logan is situated in Queensland, Australia.
- Logan has beautiful parks, environmental areas, libraries and attractions for children to enjoy.
- Animals such as koalas, kangaroos, frogs, pelicans and swans live in Logan.
- Children can participate in innovative technologies in Logan.

Inferential and Critical Thinking

- Why does Yana and her family feel so sad?
- How does the author and illustrator show Yana and Bunji's feelings?
- How are the characters in the story related to each other?
- How do Yana and Bunji discover Logan?

Literacy Skills

Word Building

- Word Endings – adding 'ed': *travelled, journeyed, watched, listened, worried, arrived,*
- Adding ING: *feeling, seeking, munching, yarning, munching, buzzing, discovering.*
- Vocabulary: *temple, boat ramp, river, library, art gallery, park, pool, lagoon, bridge, festival, landmark.*
- Emotion Words: *happily, grinned, smiled, giggled, laughed, harmony, hugged,*
- Interest Words – Names of Places – Chung Tian temple, Eats & Beats, Berrinba Wetlands, Riverdale Park, FunderwoodHollow, Yarrabilba, Entertainment Centre, Nyeumba Meta Space, Daisy Hill Koala Centre, Beenleigh Red Bridge.
- High Frequency Words – *said, played, river, and, where, explore, let's, family, Bunji, Yana, Logan, City of Logan,*
- Onomatopoeia – *splish, splash, thrummm, Rrr-rib-bit, zip, whoosh, (see Drama)*

Grammar

- Naming Words – nouns – find the naming words in the story.
- Action Words – verbs – (see also Word Endings and Drama)

Comprehension

- Sequence order of events in story – cut and paste pictures. Activity sheet
- Sequence order of events in story – cut and paste sentences. Activity sheet
- Matching scene phrases to picture - Activity sheet
- Find correct word to complete sentence
- Comprehension- Tick multiple choice
- Word Search – advanced & easy

Writing

- Have you ever moved to a NEW place? How did you feel? How did you learn about your new neighbourhood? Write about it.
- What's your favourite attraction in Logan? What can you do there?
- Acrostic Poem – LOGAN or CITY OF LOGAN
- Speech bubble dialogue – what would they say?
- Research history of the Old Red Bridge –How? When? Where? Why? ... Write facts

Literature

- Read non-fiction texts about Logan and City of Logan from Our Logan magazine, Albert & Logan News,
- Compare other fiction texts on refugees. eg.

Cross Curricular

Social Skills

- Discuss how you can help NEW children to your class or school
- **Group activity:** Children sit in a circle. One child (child 1) starts by saying "If I was feeling sad". The child next to them (child 2) offers a solution "you could ask someone for a hug". Then child 2 turns to the next child (child 3) in the circle and says "if I got lost." and child 3 offers a solution, and so on around the circle. This activity is fun and also generates options that children in the group may not have thought of.

Maths

- Dot to Dot – numbers 1 to 70 activity sheet
- Sequencing story pictures from 1 to 9. Ordinals: What comes 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th... 9th?
- Sequencing key story events. What comes first, second, third, fourth, fifth ... ninth?
- Grid reference

Science

- Australian Animals- Brainstorm bush animals who live in the Logan area. What do they look like? What do they eat? What sound do they make? How do they move?
- Koalas – Where do they live? What do they look like? What do they eat? What sound do they make? How do they move? How can we help koalas?

Craft

- Make Yana & Bunji stick puppets from Ready Set Discover Logan story by cutting and pasting onto paddle-pop sticks. Activity sheets
- Jigsaw – cut & paste

Art

- Illustrate a scene from the text or from the story as outlined in *Writing*.
- Colour-in Logan sheets using bright colours. Activity sheets

Drama

Pretend you are...

- Just arriving in Logan to live. How do you feel?
- Swimming, splashing or relaxing at Darlington Parklands
- Playing hide-and-seek at one of the LOGAN locations

Present a Ready Set Discover Logan PLAY

- Act out the LOGAN story using stick puppets with your friends
- Act out the play with characters wearing costumes: Bunji, Yana, her family: Mum, Dad and brother.

Show range of emotions using facial expressions and hand gestures ...

Sad, happy, angry, scared, excited, tired, guilty, proud, nervous, caring, aha moment