

Lesson Plan for *Flop To The Top!* by Eleanor Davis and Drew Weing



LESSON PLAN BY FRANCISCA GOLDSMITH

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TOON LEVEL 3

LEXILE LEVEL
GUIDED READING LEVEL
READING RECOVERY LEVEL

130L
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18-20

TOON Level	3: Chapter-book Comics for Advanced Beginners
Lexile Level	130L
Guided Reading Level	K-P
Reading Recovery	18-20
Grades	K-2
Common Core Standards	<p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.SL.2 Integrate and evaluate information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.</p> <p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.5 Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships and nuances in word meanings.</p> <p>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.CCRA.SL.3 Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric.</p>
Summary:	Wanda is shocked to learn that her seemingly impassive pet, rather than her outgoing and personality-driven self, has attracted the attention and interest of thousands. As Wilbur's stardom expands, Wanda comes to understand that taking part in activities in which others are interested can be as fulfilling as promoting oneself.
Characters	<p>Wanda Wilbur, her dog Jade, Wanda's sister James, Wanda's brother Sassy Cat Fans</p>

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Character Development Card

Name _____

Date _____

As the story unfolds, Wanda makes realizations about herself and about others. Her character *develops*. Use this playing card to note the “new Wanda” development you discover on the following pages. **Bonus:** How does Wilbur develop?

1. page 8-9	2. page 14-15
3. page 17-18	4. page 27
5. page 29	6. page 33-35

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Reading Pictures

Name _____

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List the pages where you find the picture that tells you information that isn't given to you in words in this story.

page	The Picture Tells Me...
	How "The Star Show" first learns about Wilbur
	How Wilbur's first fans feel about discovering him
	How Wanda feels about realizing the fans want Wilbur, not her
	Where Wilbur first meets Sassy Cat
	Where Wilbur and Sassy eat dinner together
	What Wanda does once she learns to balance her own interests with those of others
	How Wanda feels about sharing others interests after Wilbur comes home

Bonus: Wilbur's face doesn't give away how he feels. Wanda's face shows how she feels. How would you draw Wilbur to show how he might feel when...

- Wanda uses him as furniture (pages 7-11)
- Wilbur meets the first news crew when he's been discovered (pages 15-17)
- Wanda scolds him because she is angry (page 18)

At the very end of the story (pages 33-35), how does Wilbur show his feelings?

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What's Your Superstar Power?

Instructions

Work in partners to draw your star powers.

1. Each of you starts with a blank sheet of paper. Fold it in half both ways and then unfold. Your sheet now has four boxes.

2. Each of you, working *alone*, draws what you think makes you a superstar in the box on the upper left of the paper.

3. Now fold the paper back in half so that the picture you have drawn of yourself is out of sight, behind the two blank boxes along the page's bottom. (The fold should be across the top now.)



4. Switch sheets of paper with your partner. Don't peek at what your partner drew of what makes her a superstar!

5. In the lower right box, draw what you see as *your partner's* superstar power.

6. In the lower left box next to your drawing, write two sentences about why you chose this superstar power for your partner.

7. Switch sheets of paper with your partner so you both have the sheet you started with.

8. Both of you now open your original sheets of paper. Take a look at what your partner wrote and drew as your superstar power.

9. Check how the picture you drew at the top of your superstar characteristic compares with your what your partner drew and wrote.

10. In the final empty box, draw a picture of how you feel about what you learned from the comparison.

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