

Every Autumn Comes the Bear

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Comprehension/Critical Literacy

Focus: Reading fiction and nonfiction books about birds and mammals in books written by Jim Arnosky.

Pass Objectives:

5.1a Read and comprehend both fiction and nonfiction that is appropriately designed for the second half of second grade.

5.1b Use prereading strategies to preview, activate prior knowledge, make predictions, use picture clues, and establish the purpose of reading (i.e. graphic organizers).

5.1c Ask and respond to questions to aid comprehension about important elements of fiction and nonfiction.

Supplies:

Paper & pencils

Read *Every Autumn Comes the Bear*. Look at the illustrations carefully. This book is a fiction book about bears and hibernation. Visit the school or public library to find nonfiction books written by Jim Arnosky to help you identify the birds, and the mammals in the illustrations. Use other reference books to find information about bears and hibernation. Compare the fiction book to the nonfiction books. Which provides the most information?

Check out these titles: *Crinkleroot's Guide to Knowing the Birds*, *Crinkleroot's Book of Animal Tracking*, *Crinkleroot's Nature Almanac*