

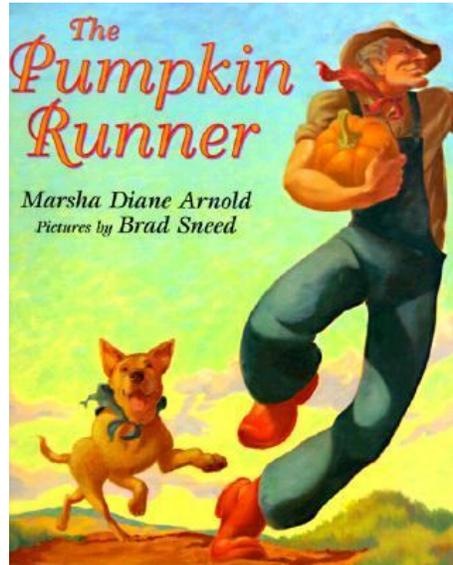
## **The Pumpkin Runner**

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### **Lesson Plan by Lana Voss**

Social Studies

**Focus:** Compare Oklahoma and Australia communities, history, landmarks, landforms and bodies of water.

#### **Pass Objectives:**

- 1.1** Use information located in resources such as encyclopedia, timelines, visual images, atlases, maps, globes, and computer-based technologies.
- 1.2** Use children's literature to compare and contrast one's own community to others.
- 2.1** Name major landmarks in the community; construct simple maps showing some of these landmarks, the roads connecting them, and directional indicators (north, south, east, and west), and give titles to the maps(e.g. the name of the town).
- 2.3** Identify location on a basic map, write direction for going from one location to another, and use directional indicators to describe locations on the map using both cardinal and intermediate directions.

**Supplies & Suggestions:** Visit the school library and the public library to find books about Oklahoma and Australia. Obtain copies of *The Pumpkin Runner* to read about this true story about the Annual Koala-K Race from Melbourne to Sydney. There is a bike ride across Oklahoma in June called [FreeWheel](#) that students could follow using maps of the route. Pumpkins are usually ready to eat in the fall in Oklahoma. Look for recipes for pumpkin stew, pumpkin soup, pumpkin seed pudding, pumpkin cake & try it raw like Joshua ate it.