

Teacher's Notes: Dream Big, Work Hard

Story Summary

"Dream Big, Work Hard" follows the story of Ayoub, a diligent student with a dream of becoming a professional football player. He balances his schoolwork with football practice, guided by the wisdom of his grandfather, Brahim. The story emphasizes that achieving dreams requires not just talent, but also hard work, education (studying the human body), and persistence, even when resources are limited (using stones for goalposts).

Learning Objectives

Reading Comprehension: Students will identify key characters, settings, and plot points.

Vocabulary: Students will practice using words like team, stones, lamp, and stars in context.

Thematic Understanding: Students will explore the connection between education and sports, and the value of perseverance.

Discussion Guide

Before Reading

Warm-up: "What do you want to be when you grow up?"

Critical Thinking: "Do you think you need to go to school to be a sports player? Why or why not?"

During Reading

Page 5 (Observation): "Ayoub doesn't have a real goal net. What does he use instead? Does he let that stop him from playing?"

Page 9 (Inference): "It is late at night. Why is Ayoub still working? What does this tell us about his character?"

After Reading

Character Trait: "The story says Ayoub is 'smart' and Idris is 'fast'. Which one is more important for a team? Do you need both?"

Visualization: "Ayoub sees a stadium in the stars. Do you ever imagine yourself doing your dream job?"

Extension Activities

The "Dream" Wall

Have students cut out the drawing from Part E of the worksheet and pin them on a classroom board titled "Our Big Dreams."