

Please Note:

The Lesson Plan and activities below reference *Stranded, Rescue Josh McGuire, and Sparrow Hawk Red*. However, these activities can easily be adapted for any of Ben Mikaelson's books.

The research F.A.Q, and story setting pages on Ben Mikaelson's website (*Each book has links located on its detail page*), are excellent resources to assist in altering these activities for any book.

Lesson Plan 6

STRANDED By Ben Mikaelson activity by L. Stone

ATTRIBUTE WEB

An attribute web describes any character in a story. Pick any character from the story *Stranded*, and use this sheet as a guide to fill in the spaces below.

Character's Name _____

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How does the character act/behave?

What do other people feel/think about the character?

Who are the character's friends?

Who are the characters's family members?

How does the character look?

Where does the character live?

STRANDED

By Ben Mikakelsen

On the lines below, write a word relating to Stranded beginning with that particular letter of the alphabet. If you have trouble with some of the less common letters (Q, X, Z) try to think of a word that has that letter anywhere in it.

A _____	B _____
C _____	D _____
E _____	F _____
G _____	H _____
I _____	J _____
K _____	L _____
M _____	N _____
O _____	P _____
Q _____	R _____
S _____	T _____
U _____	V _____
W _____	X _____
Y _____	Z _____

LITERATURE ACTIVITIES

for Ben Mikaelson's books

RESCUE JOSH MCGUIRE, SPARROW HAWK RED, AND STRANDED

Activities by L. Stone *Write a story pyramid for any of the three stories.

1st line: one word main character

2nd line: two words that describe the main character

3rd line: three words that describe setting, time or place

4th line: four words that state the problem or goal or wish

5th line: five words describing one event that relates to solving problems

6th line: six words (same as for five)

7th line: seven words (same as for five)

8th line: eight words stating the solution to the problem or the attainment of a goal

Here is an example of a story pyramid for the book, Malu's Wolf by Ruth Craig.

Malu

girl.. extraordinary

prehistoric.. ancient.. cave

keep.. wolf.. hunt.. animals

ran.. away.. to.. protect.. Kono

they.. wandered.. far.. away.. and.. survived

Kono.. found.. mammoth's.. for.. clan.. to.. eat

Malu.. keeps.. Kono.. and.. becomes.. a.. clan.. hunter

*Pretend you are a journalist and write either a newspaper article or a TV news story about what the main character of one of the stories did and what that character accomplished.

*Write a letter to Josh, Koby, or Ricky and tell them why you think they are heroes.

*Compare and contrast the heroic efforts made by Josh in Rescue Josh McGuire and Toby in Stranded.

*Write a review of any of the books persuading other people to read the book.

*Describe in as much detail as possible, what the streets, buildings and people in Mexico looked like in your mind after reading Sparrow Hawk Red. Draw a picture of your description.

*Write a letter to the Game and Fish Department persuading them to find a safe place for Pokey (Rescue Josh McGuire) to live instead of letting Pokey be destroyed.

*Pretend you will write a sequel for any of the three books: Rescue Josh McGuire, Sparrow Hawk Red or Stranded.

1. Where will the sequel take place and what will the new title be?
2. Summarize the plot in five sentences or less.
3. What will the conclusion be?
4. On a separate sheet of paper, design a book cover for this sequel.

*Find out about black bear.

1. How big do they get?
2. Where do they live?
3. What do they eat?
4. Draw a picture of a black bear.
5. List any amazing facts you can find about black bears.

*Find out about any type of whale.

1. How big do they get?
2. Where do they live?
3. What do they eat?
4. Draw a picture of the whale you picked.
5. List any amazing facts you can find about the whale you picked.

