



Enemy Pie

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Why This Book Matters:

Enemy Pie supports comprehension development by showing how understanding grows through experience, reflection, and active thinking. Rather than relying on assumptions, the story invites readers to examine motivation, perspective, and cause-and-effect—key components of deep comprehension.

Instructional Focus

- Building comprehension through active processing
- Understanding character motivation and perspective
- Connecting actions to outcomes
- Supporting discussion and explanation

Before Reading

- Discuss what it means to have a misunderstanding.
- Ask students to predict how problems between people might be solved.
- Introduce the idea that learning about others often changes our thinking.

During Reading

- Pause to ask why characters act the way they do.
- Encourage students to explain how the main character's thinking changes.
- Highlight moments where experience leads to new understanding.

After Reading

- Discuss how the character's understanding changed.
- Ask students to explain what caused the change in thinking.
- Connect the story to real-life situations where learning required reflection.

Teacher Reflection

- Are students given opportunities to explain their thinking?
- Do questions focus on understanding motives, not just recalling events?
- Are discussions structured to support deeper reasoning?

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