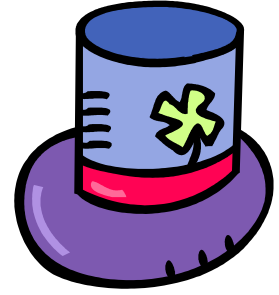


Using the Seven Hats to Respond to Literature



Blue Hat: Controls which hat goes on and off

- *Blue Hat tells us when to switch hats and indicates what type of thinking is needed, and the **Gold Hat** reminds us to apply the Christian lens to the story.*

White Hat: Information and facts about the book

- *Title*
- *Author and Illustrator*
- *Awards that the book may have won*
- *Plot - what happened, story map, Top Level Structure,*
- *Characters - names, what they look like*
- *Setting*
- *Worldview and ethics of the author*

Red Hat: Discussing feelings, likes and dislikes

- *How did the book make you feel?*
- *How did you feel when the character did...?*
- *How did the ending make you feel?*
- *Did you like the story, illustrations, characters etc?*

Yellow Hat: Benefits, good points and advantages

- *What was the advantage of solving the problem that way?*
- *What are the advantages of...?*
- *What are all the good points about...the character, the setting, the ending etc?*

Black Hat: Disadvantages, dangers and problems

- *What are the dangers involved in visiting ... (the setting of the book)?*
- *What are the disadvantages in trying to solve problems that way?*
- *When ____ did _____, what problems did they encounter?*

Green Hat: New ideas, creating, adapting, innovating

- Lets write a new ending
- Write an acrostic about the main character
- Draw new illustrations for the story
- Think of a different way to solve the problem
- Write an innovation on the story

Gold Hat: How does the literature support or oppose Gospel values?

- Do any of the characters show integrity and good character?
- Does good triumph over evil?
- Does the story line parallel any Bible story or serve as an allegory of a Bible story?
- Does the story promote what is good or sensationalize what is evil?
- WWJD? How would a person like Jesus respond to the literature?
- Write a different ending where justice is seen to be done if there is not a fair resolution.