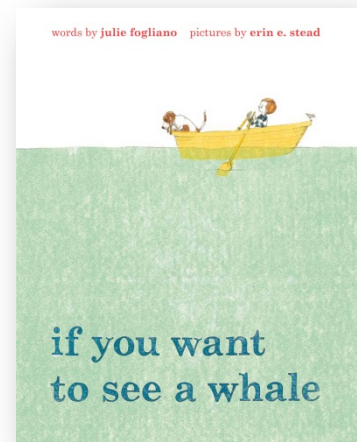


COMMON CORE TEACHING IDEAS

if you want to see a whale
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Title:	Genre:
If You Want to See a Whale	Poetry
Teaching Ideas:	Anchor Standard:
After reading this story aloud, invite students to discuss the mood of the story. Encourage students to answer the question "How did the author create the mood or tone of this story?" Chart student responses.	RL.4, S&L.1.b.
After reading this book, encourage students to discuss the illustration style of Erin E. Stead. What does the illustrator hope to communicate by using these colors?	RI.7, RL.7, S&L.1.b.
Discuss how the word choice enhances the story. As a class, create a chart of descriptive nouns and adjectives and verbs. Encourage students to think about word choice in their own writing.	RI.4. W.2, W.5
Revisit the text as a class and discuss the author's choices regarding punctuation. Ask students to consider the author's intentions and whether or not the desired effect is achieved.	S&L1.d, RL.10

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