

**Lesson Name:** Making text-to-text connections.

**Instructional Objectives:**

The Learner Will (TLW)...

- find text-to-text connections between two books.
- listen to two books read aloud by the teacher.
- choose three common themes to share with the class.

**Materials and Media:**

The Brave Little Polar Bear by Hans De Beer

Brave Irene by William Steig (Farrar)

**Lesson**

**Set:**

As I read these two stories I would like everyone to listen for common themes between the two books.

**Instruction:**

The teacher will read the two books aloud to the whole class at the rug. Before reading the books the students will be asked to pay attention to the themes in each book. After the books are read the students will respond orally with at least three common themes. The teacher may tie this lesson into a history or Veterans Day activity.

**Closure:**

The teacher may use this activity to teach about attributes of good citizens, history, and writing. This activity can be implemented in many types of content areas.

**Reflection:**

This lesson went well the children caught on quickly by sharing several main themes with the class. Next time I think I will choose a book a little more up to level of my students interests. A few students commented they had read the book before in first grade, so I concluded it was below interest level.