

Title: Babushka's Doll Author: Patricia Polacco Genre: Fiction

Mini Lesson: Reading Skill: Character Traits and Feelings Reading Strategy: Self Questioning and Predictions

Materials: Reader's Toolkit, pencil, Self Questioning green sticky notes, Make and Confirm Predictions pink sticky notes,

Anchor Chart: Compare how Natasha feels and acts in the beginning of the story to the end. Compare how Babushka feels and acts in the beginning of the story to the end.

Anchor Chart: I predict Babushka only played with the doll once because.... Confirm Prediction (or is it an Inference?)

*To follow along with page numbers, please number your pages in your book beginning with the picture of Babushka washing clothes outside in the wash bucket as page # 1.	Prompt for Think Aloud (Teacher Action)	Prompt for Turn and Talk (Student Activity)	Prompt for Stop-Jot-Share (Student Activity)	Assessment
Before Reading: Today we are going to compare the characters feelings and actions from the beginning of the story to the end. Let's read to find out how Babushka and Natasha feel in the beginning of the story. Read pages 2 – 6.			Jot down on your green sticky note words to describe Natasha. On another sticky note, jot down words to describe Babushka. Share with your partner/class.	Natasha: spoiled, selfish, demanding Babushka: hard worker, patient, happy with life but disappointed in the way Natasha is acting.
Read aloud page 7. Now we are going to make a prediction.	When I read that I wondered why Babushka only played with the doll once.		Make a prediction: I predict Babushka only played with the doll once because...Write your prediction on a pink sticky note. Share with your partner/class.	Refer to the Reader Response Rubric found in the Teacher's Guide to score the prediction. Look for predictions based on prior knowledge.

Read aloud pages 8 – 16.		How is Natasha feeling? Turn and talk to your partner and share your thinking.	On your green sticky note, add words to describe Natasha now.	Upset, tired, confused.
Read aloud pages 17 – 28.			Page 28. Review your prediction about “once is enough”. Confirm or clarify your prediction.	Is this a prediction or an inference? Predictions are confirmed from words in the text. An inference is implied. This prediction is really an inference because the reader had to apply clues to come up with the answer. It was not stated in the text. Explain to students the difference between a Prediction and an Inference.
Read aloud page 29.	I liked the way the author used the doll to teach Natasha a lesson.		Add words to describe Natasha and Babushka at the end of the story.	Compare character traits/feelings from the beginning of the story to the end.
