Based on

The BFG
By Roald Dahl

About the Book:
Little Sophie is snatched from her bed by a BIG giant in the middle of the night! He’s a rather odd-looking giant, as far as giants go. He dresses in a black cloak, carries a long, thin trumpet and a suitcase, and has a long, pale, wrinkly face. Luckily for Sophie, the BFG isn’t like all of the other giants. Instead of devouring human beings, he enjoys spreading dreams to children and drinking frobscottle. Sophie and this big, friendly giant become fast friends and are determined to rid the world of trolloglhumping, bogthumping giants forever!

Set the Stage:
Use the following to get the students ready to read:
• Do you believe in giants?
• What do you think the life of a giant might be like?
• What is a pleasant dream that you once had?
• What is an awful nightmare that you once had?
• Explain the difference between fact and fiction.
• Can you think of any other books by the author Roald Dahl? Name them.

Review:
After reading the book, discuss the following:
• What type of home is Sophie snatched from in the middle of the night?
• What does the BFG stand for?
• How does the BFG use his trumpet?
• Describe the BFG and his home. What makes him so different from all of the other giants?
• How does the BFG feel about humans? How does this make Sophie feel?
• What is the difference between soda and frobscottle? Which beverage would you rather drink? Explain your answer.
• During the first day of dream catching, things go terribly wrong for the BFG. What happens and how does the BFG’s reaction make you feel about him?
• What are the names of some of the other giants?
• How does Sophie travel with the BFG? Mention two different ways.
• Who is the only person that the nine giants are fearful of? Why is this ironic?
• How does the BFG categorize the dreams he catches?
• What plan does Sophie devise in order to stop the nine giants?
• What is so unique about the BFG’s ears?
• The Queen of England helps Sophie and the BFG in many ways. What things does she do to assist them?
• What does the BFG mean when he talks about the other giants being in “The Land of Noddy”?
• What is an atlas?
• How does Sophie use the sapphire brooch that the Queen gave her?
• Sophie and the BFG mysteriously disappear from the army and the capturing of the giants for a short period of time. Where do they go? What is the purpose of their trip?
• What are some of the gifts that Sophie and the BFG receive from others?
• What was the only disaster that happened after the nine giants were captured?
• Who was the true author of The BFG?

Student Activity (found on the last page of this PDF):
Students will pretend they are the BFG and come up with a dream he might catch.

Related Activities:
To extend students’ enjoyment of the book, try these:

• Wacky Words: The BFG uses many imaginary words. However, the way the author Roald Dahl writes them plays on real words in the English language. For example, the word *swalloping* is meant to mean swallowing. The word *delunctious* is meant to mean delicious. Ask students to guess the meanings of the following words: human beans, babblement, scrumdiddlyumptious, crocadowndillies, disgusterous, horrigust.

• Art Attack: Ask students to draw a picture of what the following words represent in The BFG. Then, have students use each word in a sentence of their own. Words: frobscottle, snozzcumber, trogglehumper.

• Create a Comic: At the end of The BFG, the Queen’s Army and Air Force capture the nine giants. Have students create a comic strip with pictures and captions to show how this took place.
Describing the Dreams
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In The BFG, the giant catches dreams in glass jars and then writes labels for them. For example, one of the labels he wrote read, “I is making myself a marvelus pair of suction boots and when I put them on I is abel to walk strate up the kitshun wall and across the ceiling. Well, I is walking upside down on the ceiling when my big sister comes in and she is starting to yell at me as she always does, yelling wot on earth is you doing up there walking on the ceiling and I looks down at her and I smiles and I says I told you you was driving me up the wall and now you has done it.”

Directions: Pretend that you are the BFG. Think of a dream he might catch. Then write a label for the dream just like he would do. Share with your classmates.

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