

Children's Favorite Authors and Illustrators

LitART MAP

Anansi the Spider

by Gerald McDermott

While on a journey, Anansi is saved from trouble by his sons, but he can't decide which of his sons should be rewarded for rescuing him.

BEFORE

Motivation: Have you ever helped somebody in danger?

Bridge to Text: In this book, Anansi's sons help save him from danger.

Set Purpose: While we read, see if you can remember all of the characters in the story.

DURING**Participation**

Strategy: Impromptu Retelling

AFTER

Creative Response: Geometric Spider Masks

Literacy Response: Character Names

Journal: Write to Anansi to tell him who you think deserves the prize. Convince Anansi about your idea.

Mystery Message: Stone Thrower

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What types of trouble does Anansi get into?
2. Who are the characters in this story?
3. What does this folktale explain?
4. Why does the God of All Things take the globe up into the sky?
5. Which son do you think deserves the prize and why?

LITERAL**INFERENTIAL****EVALUATIVE****WORD
COLLECTION**trouble
globecushion
mysteriousdanger
rescuedfalcon
deserves