

Lesson: The Deep

Phase of learning

Years 5 - 6, Years 7 - 8

WA Curriculum

K-10 English

Region

West Coast, South Coast

Summary

Students will study the Tim Winton picture book, 'The Deep' and compare the style of text to 'Blueback'.

Outcomes

- Students will analyse similarities and differences between two Tim Winton texts.
- Students will identify how texts vary in purpose, structure and topic.

Duration

30-45 minutes

Preparation

This lesson is part of a unit of work on the text Blueback. It assumes some previous study of the text has already been completed. View the full Unit [here](#).

In this lesson, you will introduce the text The Deep (by Tim Winton) to your students. In the first shared reading of this text, it is suggested you mask the text.

Western Australian curriculum

LEARNING AREA	STRAND	SUB-STRAND	CODES
English	Language	Text structure and organisation	ACELA1504
English	Literature	Literature and context	ACELT1613
English	Literature	Responding to literature	ACELT1614

English

	Literature	Examining literature	ACELT1616 , ACELT1622
English	Literacy	Interacting with others	ACELY1699 , ACELY1709 , ACELY1719

Steps

1. Introduce the text, *The Deep*, by Tim Winton. Discuss what students already know about the author and his style of writing, based on their study of *Blueback*. Ask students questions such as – “looking at the cover, who is this text aimed at?; what is the purpose of this text?; what do you predict the story to be about?”
2. Using a prepared version of the book (with text masked), read as a class using the pictures to create the story.
3. Conduct a second shared reading of *The Deep*, this time without the text masked and compare how the two stories differ and why. Discuss the difference between this book and *Blueback*. Ask students questions such as – “what do the illustrations tell you?, how do they make you feel?” The main difference being that *The Deep* is a picture book and therefore does not need the descriptive language that is used in *Blueback*.

Related resources

[Unit: Blueback](#)

Keywords

the deep, blueback, tim winton, picture book, comparison, similarities and differences in texts