

POP! TEACHER RESOURCE

Lesson Plan

Canine Care

Lesson Plan for *Dogs*

Grade 1

Objective

To help students practice writing a five-sentence paragraph to explain their thoughts on a topic.

Things Needed

- *Dogs* book
- Paper and pencils
- Access to the “Dogs” web page on the Pop! website:
<https://popbooksonline.com/pets/dogs>

Before the Activity

Open the “Dogs” web page in your internet browser and pull up the “Learn More” tab. Pass out a sheet of paper and a pencil to each student.

Activity

Read *Dogs* out loud to students. Explain that taking care of pets is a big responsibility. It’s important for owners to understand their pets’ needs. Owners should choose pets they know they can take good care of. Before buying a pet, owners must learn what its needs are. They must make sure they can meet all of these needs.

For example, look at the image and read the caption on the web page. The caption describes the needs of a specific breed of dog: border collies. Ask students the following questions:

- What does the caption say that border collies need? (Answer: plenty of space to run and play)
- Why do border collies need so much space? (Answer: They have a lot of energy and can get bored quickly.)



- Who might not be a good owner for a border collie? (Possible Answers: someone living in an apartment or small house, someone who does not have a yard, someone who is often busy and away from the home, etc.)

Have students consider the types of animals they could best take care of, given their current living situations. Each student will write a one-paragraph response to the following question:

- What pet do you think you could best take care of and why?

The first sentence of the paragraph should clearly state the pet. The next three sentences should give students' reasons for why they think they could take care of that pet. The final sentence should be a conclusion sentence. It should summarize the paragraph by restating the first sentence.

Evaluation

Give students 1 point for each sentence that followed the instructions, for a total of 5 points.

Standards

This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade 1 (RI 1.1), and writing standards, grade 1 (W 1.1).

