

Social Emotional Learning Curriculum & Resources



The Power of Stories Can Change the World.



Improve Results with Wisdom Thinkers Proven Success

Better Tools. Better Results.

Simply a better way to nurture a more inclusive school climate for all students with industry-leading, culturally responsive SEL stories and lessons.

A Suite of Culturally Responsive Storytelling Toolkits



Build Caring



Create Engaged School Communities



Nurture Character & Transform Lives



Foster Cross-cultural Understanding

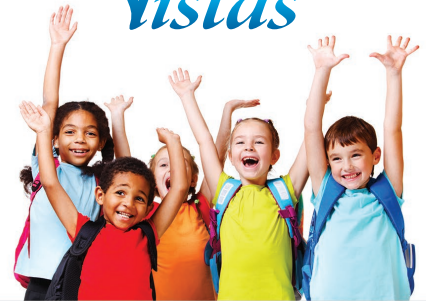
Stories to Light Our Way

WisdomThinkers' award-winning storytelling approach with research-based, teacher-designed and tested activities, discussions, and lesson plans is easy to implement both in and out of the classroom, including summer school. Plus, it provides an engaging and enlightening learning experience that can be internalized by students of all ages.

A Class All Its Own

Educational Vistas and Wisdom Thinkers have partnered to provide educators with a powerful set of SEL tools and capabilities unlike any other in the industry. "Stories to Light Our Way" can change everything about the way you teach and the results you can expect from transformative SEL.

- Simple to access remotely and Google compatible
- Implement as a stand-alone or to complement any existing program
- Integrate into any classroom setting or building-wide framework
- Easily internalized by students of all ages
- Helps connect diverse communities from schools to parents to workplaces



“I had no behavior referrals this year because we were able to reference and use the themes of the stories and characters to deal with any issues that arose.”
 Autumn Sutton, 5th Grade Teacher



Aligns and integrates with NYS DEI guidelines, CASEL competencies and Character.org strengths

SELF MANAGEMENT				
Story Title	Theme	Performance Character Strengths	Audio	Activity & Discussion Questions
The Turtle Who Just Couldn't Keep His Mouth Shut	A story of self-control	Responsibility, Self-Discipline	🔊	
When Children Could Fly	Overcoming hurt/sadness Dealing with injustice.	Grit, Resilience, Coping, and Upstanding	🔊	
SELF AWARENESS				
Story Title	Theme	Moral Character Strengths	Audio	Activity & Discussion Questions
The Child Who Swallowed the Sun	A story to nurture your hidden gifts	Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Courage, Honesty	🔊	
The Boy Who Saved His World	Courage, Responsibility	Caring, Compassion, Courage	🔊	

All the Resources You Need – Just Teach!

Stories with activities and discussion questions for use in both classroom and out-of-school settings, bundled lesson plans, and more.

- 12 downloadable multicultural stories
- UPK3 - Grade 2, 3-5 and 6-8 modules
- 3 audio ebooks
- MP3 audio files
- Activities per story
- Discussion questions per story
- Grade-specific curricula with 120 sequenced lesson plans for an entire year
- Lesson plans with exceptional ED and ELL adaptations
- Each with project-based, service-learning components
- Custom alignment to existing building-wide programs
- Includes onboarding, PD & check-in
- All stories align w/SEL competencies & character strengths
- Stories with CCS/Next-Gen standards ELA

The Story Map

UPK3 Story Components At-A-Glance	
<p><i>The Turtle Who Couldn't Keep His Mouth Shut</i></p>	
Essential Question (EQ)	Why is it important that we control our emotions, feelings, and actions?
Enduring Understanding (EU)	When I practice self-management skills, I will be able to manage and express emotions, relationships, respect for diverse viewpoints, seek help when needed, and set and work on academic goals.
Character Trait/s	Responsibility Self-discipline
SEL	Self-Management
Alignment to NYS Early Learning Guidelines	Domain 2 (Social and Emotional Development): E2, F2, F4, F5, F6, F7, F8, F9, F10, F11, F12, F13, F14, F15, F16, F17, F18, F19, F20, F21, F22, F23, F24, F25, F26, F27, F28, F29, F30, F31, F32, F33, F34, F35, F36, F37, F38, F39, F40, F41, F42, F43, F44, F45, F46, F47, F48, F49, F50, F51, F52, F53, F54, F55, F56, F57, F58, F59, F60, F61, F62, F63, F64, F65, F66, F67, F68, F69, F70, F71, F72, F73, F74, F75, F76, F77, F78, F79, F80, F81, F82, F83, F84, F85, F86, F87, F88, F89, F90, F91, F92, F93, F94, F95, F96, F97, F98, F99, F100 Domain 3 (Approaches to Learning): B3, C3, D3, E3 Domain 4 (Cognition and General Knowledge): B4, C4, E4, F4, F5, F6, F7, F8, F9, F10, F11, F12, F13, F14, F15, F16, F17, F18, F19, F20, F21, F22, F23, F24, F25, F26, F27, F28, F29, F30, F31, F32, F33, F34, F35, F36, F37, F38, F39, F40, F41, F42, F43, F44, F45, F46, F47, F48, F49, F50, F51, F52, F53, F54, F55, F56, F57, F58, F59, F60, F61, F62, F63, F64, F65, F66, F67, F68, F69, F70, F71, F72, F73, F74, F75, F76, F77, F78, F79, F80, F81, F82, F83, F84, F85, F86, F87, F88, F89, F90, F91, F92, F93, F94, F95, F96, F97, F98, F99, F100 Domain 5 (Language, Communication, and Literacy): C5, E5, F5, G5, G6, G7, G8, G9, G10, G11, G12, G13, G14, G15, G16, G17, G18, G19, G20, G21, G22, G23, G24, G25, G26, G27, G28, G29, G30, G31, G32, G33, G34, G35, G36, G37, G38, G39, G40, G41, G42, G43, G44, G45, G46, G47, G48, G49, G50, G51, G52, G53, G54, G55, G56, G57, G58, G59, G60, G61, G62, G63, G64, G65, G66, G67, G68, G69, G70, G71, G72, G73, G74, G75, G76, G77, G78, G79, G80, G81, G82, G83, G84, G85, G86, G87, G88, G89, G90, G91, G92, G93, G94, G95, G96, G97, G98, G99, G100
Vocab	distracted self-control "bite your head off" snap grumpy jealous grip foolish racket "stuck in the mud"
Story Activities	<p>Mod 1 (Intro to Story & Pre-Read) (Pre-Read)</p> <p>L1: Practice tuning out distractions, Color Snappy L2: Happy, Sad, Mad Charts, Practice self-control, Stick Activity, Thumbs Up/Down Good Choices/Bad Choices L3: "Snappy Sticks" chart activity L4: Share story and discuss</p> <p>Mod 2 (Introduction Story)</p> <p>L1: Story, part 1; Role play snapping at someone; Thumbs Up/Down being grumpy L2: Story, part 2; discussion and optional rope activity about grip L3: Story, part 3; discussion of vocab jealous, foolish, racket L4: Share whole story; listen for vocab words; Looks Like/Sounds Like chart for vocab words</p> <p>Mod 3 (Re-read & Discuss Story)</p> <p>L1: Share story; Think it or Say It!; Compliment Circle L2: Share story; Good Choice/Bad Choice game; Good Choices chart L3: Self-control/distraction scenarios; Musical instrument activity L4: "Freeze Dance" to practice strategies for self-control</p> <p>Mod 4 (Story Retelling)</p> <p>L1: Story; Snappy retell using picture cards L2: Make Snappy/Swan puppets L3: Act out story as teacher reads story L4: Act out story with your own retelling; Quiet/Noisy Circle time</p>
Additional Story Activities	-Story Sticks -Red Light, Green Light -Simon Says -Balloon Top
Check-in Question/s	Mod 1 L1: What was a quiet sound that you heard? How did that quiet sound make you feel? L2: Have the students demonstrate some feelings as you say them. Show me (happy, sad, mad)

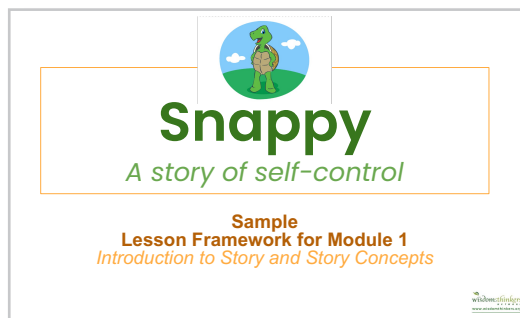
An at-a-glance compilation of vocabulary, activities, check-ins, discussion questions, and learning guidelines from all 16 of the lessons.

Lesson Plans

UPK3 Story Components At-A-Glance	
<p><i>The Turtle Who Couldn't Keep His Mouth Shut</i></p>	
Grade Level:	UPK3
Module:	Module 1
Introduction:	Introduction to Story and Story Concepts
Lesson:	Lesson: 1
Suggested Story duration:	16 weeks
Approximate length of lesson:	20 minutes
Essential Question:	Why is it important that we control our emotions, feelings and actions?
Enduring Understanding:	When I practice self-management skills, I will be able to manage and express emotions in relationships, respect diverse viewpoints, seek help when needed, set and work on achieving academic goals.
Character Trait	Responsibility Self-Discipline
SEL	Self-Management
Lesson	Snappy Coloring activity (with distractions)
Lesson Objective:	Students will name things that are distracting.
Materials:	"The Turtle Who Just Couldn't Keep His Mouth Shut" text attached

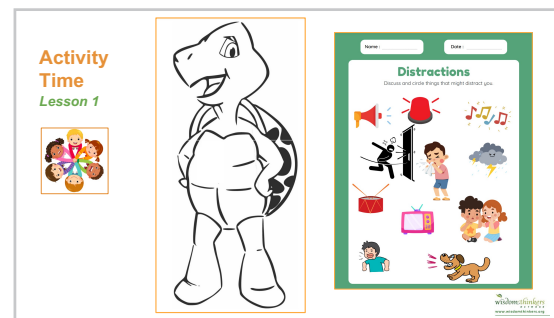
Lesson plans have a suggested lesson length of 20 minutes. Specific lesson questions and prompts are also included in the Framework Slide Deck notes.

Framework Slide Decks



A slide deck for every module contains suggested prompts, activities and questions are found in the Notes section.

Activity Slide Decks



A slide deck for every module contains resources for the lesson activities.

“The results of the Pilot Study clearly reveal the power of story to aid students in being able to understand universal truths through multi-cultural narratives.” – Fetzer Institute Study

Added Value from Educational Vistas

Augment Wisdom Thinkers Storytelling Toolkit with the support and added value of Educational Vistas impressive products to drive SEL performance to new heights. Our Social Emotional Learning System (SELS) can help manage every aspect of your SEL process, and work in tandem with Wisdom Thinkers to seamlessly bridge the gaps between the academic and social/emotional needs of all students. And with SurVate, EVI's powerful measurement tool, educators and administrators get a clear and complete picture of school climate across multiple fields, gaining valuable insight and information to make better decisions and optimize strategies.

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