

Lesson Plan for
ElsBeth and the Pirate's Treasure

Traditional learning through story adapted for today's student

Objectives:

Increase **Vocabulary**
Stimulate **Critical Thinking**
Observe the **Natural Sciences**
Highlight aspects of **Geography**
Identify practical uses of **Math**
Introduce concepts of **Art**

Assignments:

Read **Chapter 1**

What is a Cape? How is it different from an island? Can you find some Capes on a map of the world?

Where is Cape Cod, Massachusetts? How far is it from where you live?

Do you think Cape Cod looks like an arm, when you see it on a map?

Read **Chapter 2**

What makes a good teacher?

Why do you think ElsBeth has trouble with her teacher Ms. Finch?

What do you think learning multiplication tables might be good for?

How big is a mouse compared to a kid? Why do you think that some people scream when they see a mouse? Are mice dangerous?

What is a rodent? Can you name a different rodent than a mouse?

What do you think is good about homeschooling? What is good about going to school with other students?

Read **Chapter 3**

Is there a difference between a toad and a frog? Have you ever caught one?

What is an amphibian? Are toads and frogs amphibians? What can an amphibian do that a fish can't do? What can an amphibian do that a land animal can't do?

What are manners? Do you feel you have good manners? Did you ever see someone with bad manners? What happened?

What is the Egyptian sphinx?

What does a gossip do?

What are beach plums? Why do you think they grow only in certain places?

Read **Chapter 4**

What does eureka mean? Do you know what language this word comes from? Can you think of other words that are borrowed from another language?

Do you think vegetables from your own garden taste better than the vegetables you buy from the grocery store? Why do you think would there be a difference?

Read **Chapter 5** and **Chapter 6**

What does the word obnoxious mean? Can you think of a time someone was obnoxious?

What is a pageant? What is the purpose of a pageant?

How do animals communicate to each other?

Read **Chapter 7**

Why do you think Elsbeth's driveway made of crushed shells?

What is a strawberry runner? Do runners help a plant grow new plants? Can you name some of the ways plants spread? Why do you think a plant would spread with more than one method?

What does feisty mean? Do you ever feel feisty?

What is brocade? Why do you think Hannah Goodspell had her belongings in a brocade bag when she traveled across the Atlantic ocean in a ship?

What is fast food? Why do you think Hannah Goodspell prefers to make food from her garden and uses milk and butter from the local farmers?

Read **Chapter 8**

What is the famous artist Salvador Dali known for?

Are there different styles of art? Can you name some?

What art would you like to carve in a pumpkin?

Is a beeline a straight line taken from bees to their hive? Have you seen a bee flying in a straight line after it has collected nectar from flowers?

Read **Chapter 9**

Point out the Caribbean Sea and the Caribbean Islands on a map. Can you see how a ship could sail back and forth from the Caribbean to Cape Cod?

Read **Chapter 10**

What is a habitat? What is a domain? How are they similar? How are they different? Can you give some examples of habitats for different animals and plants?

Read **Chapter 11**

What is the difference between marsh grass and grass on a lawn? What is a marsh? Why do you think a marsh is so important for so many plants and animals and fishes?

Read **Chapter 12**

What could you think you might find in a library that you could not find on the internet?

Read **Chapter 13**

Have you noticed how litter can end up in animals and fishes? What do you think should be done about litter? What do you think you can do about litter?

Seals live in the salt waters off Cape Cod? Where else do they live?

Read **Chapter 14** and **Chapter 15**

Explains how sound travels in waves? What is an echo? How is sonar like an echo? How do bats find mosquitoes when it is getting dark out? Do different animals use different ways to see and perceive the world around them?

Why does silver turn black over time?

How are waves made?

Read **Chapter 16** and **Chapter 17**

Did you find this story interesting?

What kind of adventure would you like to live?