

Little Longfellow's Leafy Legacy

Writing about Roots - Lesson 2



For the Classroom

- Group structure - whole group or small groups
- Location - on carpet or at seats
- Approximate time - 20 minutes

Common Core and Georgia Standards of Excellence

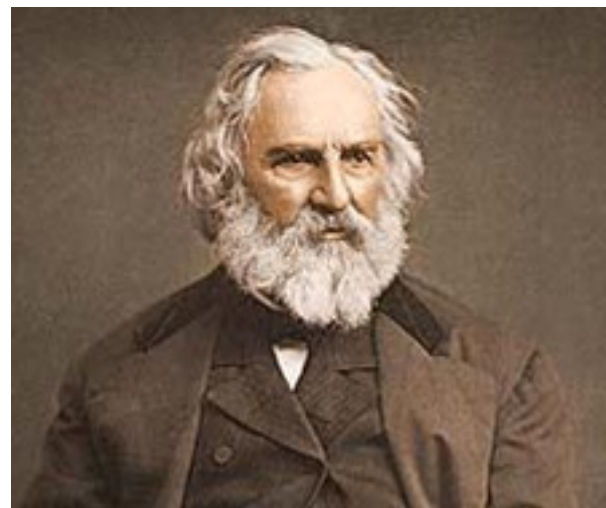
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.4.2. Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text.

Reproducibles

- "Mr. Finney's Turnip" (1 per small group)

Directions

1. Explain to children that Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is a famous American poet from the 1800s and the story goes, one of his first poems he ever wrote was about a turnip!
2. Read aloud the story (on page 2 of "Mr. Finney's Turnip") about little Longfellow writing his first poem.
3. Ask children to share a time when they were challenged to do something they didn't think they could do but came out successful. Ask students to close their eyes and imagine walking out of the classroom door to the school garden and sitting down to write a poem. Then read aloud "Mr. Finney's Turnip."
4. Remind students that poems often have a rhythm and rhyming words. Ask students to share which lines of the poem they liked best.



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3 to 5 grade

Language

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