



#### **Lesson Plan Summary** Magic Tree House #31: Warriors in Winter

Meet A Warrior – A character study of a warrior

EACH STUDENT WILL:	COMMON CORE STANDARDS ADDRESSED: (The standard for one grade level is explained. The codes for applicable grade levels are listed.)
<ul> <li>Develop vocabulary and understand character trait words</li> </ul>	READING: CRAFT AND STRUCTURE (RI1.4, RI2.4, RI3.4, RI4.4, RI5.4)
Discuss and cite examples from the book to support character traits of a warrior	Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to grade specific topic or subject area <b>(RI2.4)</b>
	WRITING:
<ul> <li>Create sentences in an         <ul> <li>I am_because_ sentence frame</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF WRITING (W1.5, W2.5, W3.5) With guidance and support from adults and peers, focus on a topic and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing (W2.5)
Research and write facts about a warrior highlighting character traits	SPEAKING AND LISTENING: PRESENTATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS (SL1.6, SL2.6, SL3.6, SL4.6,SL5.6)
Create character drawings	Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation in order to provide requested detail or clarification <b>(SL2.6)</b>
	VISUAL ARTS:
	Creative responses to texts
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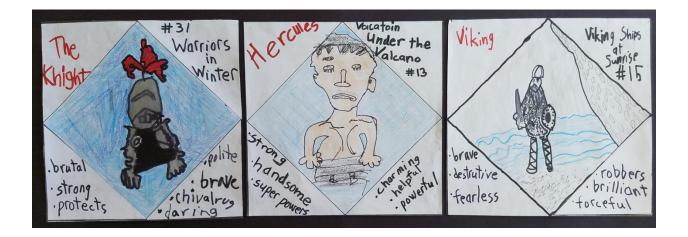
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#### **Materials Needed:**

- Copies of #31 Warriors in Winter
- Warriors Fact Tracker
- Optional other Fact Trackers such as *Vikings*, *China*, *Pirates*, *Ancient Rome*, *Ancient Greece*, *Ninjas* and other Magic Tree House books which include warriors
- "Warrior template square" for each student (in appendix)
- "Directions template" (in appendix)
- Lined writing paper for the back of the template (in appendix)
- Copy of "Character Traits of a Warrior" for each student (in appendix)
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils

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#### DIRECTIONS

#### Part One

- 1. Read *Warriors in Winter* as a read aloud, in small reading groups, or whatever way works best for your class.
- 2. Each student will select a warrior of choice from *Warriors in Winter*, the *Warriors* Fact Tracker, or any of the books mentioned in the optional section of Materials Needed.
- 3. Discuss the "Character Traits of a Warrior" resource sheet in the appendix. The students will choose 4-6 traits which best describe their chosen warrior.
- 4. Give each student a "Warrior template" to fill in as suggested in the "Directions template" in appendix. (Draw a picture of the warrior, list the book where the facts were tracked, list the characteristics of the warrior, and write the warrior name in red, so it pops.)
- 5. The students will further explain why their warrior demonstrates each trait, if you continue on to Part Two of this lesson.



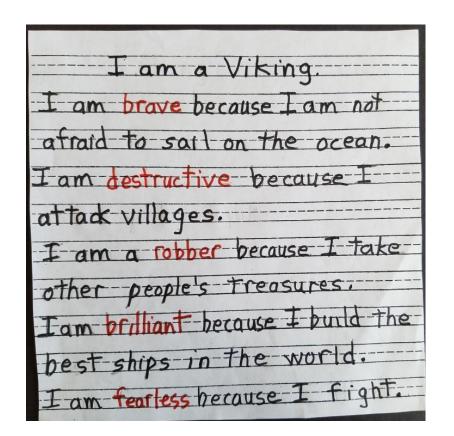
#### PART TWO

- 1. Each student will write about the warrior on the writing paper template.
- 2. Differentiate this part of the writing lesson according to grade level or ability level.
- 3. The student will choose a character trait and will go fact tracking to find evidence of the warrior's traits.
- 4. Below are two different ways to show evidence of the warrior's character traits.
  - A) LIST FACTS ABOUT THE WARRIOR:

Meet A Knight
A knight is a brave warrior.
He protects and treats people
fairly, especially the weak. He has
to be brutal while fighting.
-A knight must be strong to
wear sixty pounds of armor.
He is trained to be chivalrous
to women. A knight's training
begins when he is six or seven. He
moves to a castle without his family.

#### B) USE THE SENTENCE FRAME:

I am \_\_\_\_\_because\_\_\_\_\_



5. Paste the writing template to the back of the warrior template to hang, paste both on construction paper to display on a bulletin board, or make a class book.

# Appendix

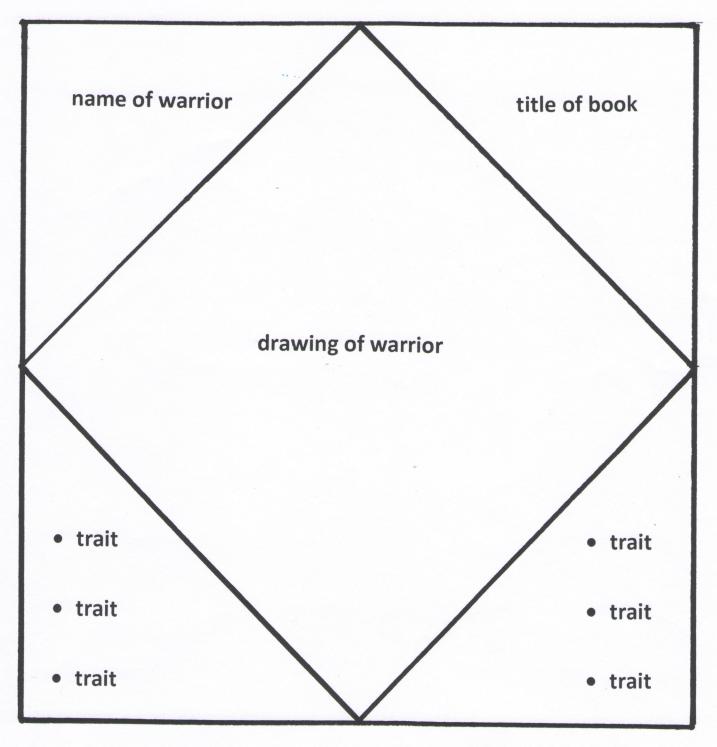
- Character Traits of a Warrior resource sheet
- Directions template (for teacher)
- Warrior template (for students)
- Writing paper template (for students)

## CHARACTER TRAITS OF A WARRIOR

barbaric	generous	responsible
brave	giving	ruthless
brilliant	helpful	selfless
brutal	honest	sensible
caring	humble	sensitive
compassionate	integrity	serious
courageous	loyal	sincere
cruel	mean	skilled
daring	mindful	stoic
destructive	open-minded	supportive
diligent	passionate	tender-hearted
fair	patient	thoughtful
fierce	perseverance	trustworthy
faithful	powerful	vicious
fearless	protector	violent
forceful	rebellious	
gallant	reliable	

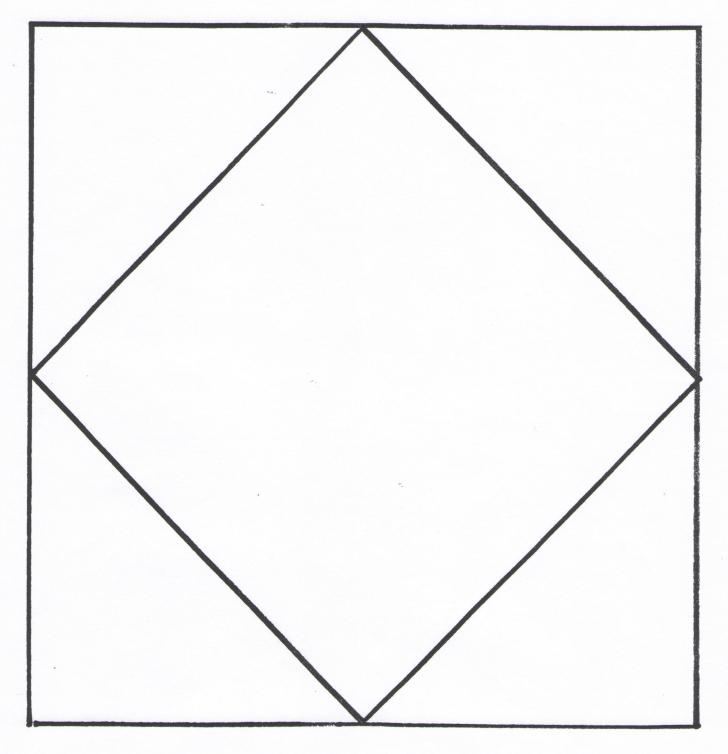
### **Template directions for**

**MEET A WARRIOR** 



Student template for

MEET A WARRIOR



#### Writing paper for the back of the student template

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