

Title: Babushka Baba Yaga

Author: Patricia Polacco

Genre: Fiction

Mini Lesson: **Reading Skill:** Character Traits and Feelings **Reading Strategy:** Predictions and Self Questioning

Materials: Reader's Toolkit, pencil, Make and Confirm Predictions pink sticky notes, Self Questioning green sticky notes, anchor chart to hold sticky notes or students reading journal.

*To follow along with page numbers, please number your pages beginning with the close up picture of Baba Yaga in the forest as page #1.	Prompt for Think Aloud (Teacher Action)	Prompt for Turn and Talk (Student Activity)	Prompt for Stop-Jot-Share (Student Activity)	Assessment
Before Reading: The purpose of our story today will be to describe Baba Yaga's feelings in the beginning of the story compared to the end of the story. We will also be using our background knowledge to make meaningful predictions. Let's read to find out more about Babushka Baba Yaga. Read page 2.		Does Baba Yaga have children of her own. Turn and talk to your partner. Share responses.	Describe how Baba Yaga feels. Write your response on a green sticky note. Share with a partner or class.	Clarify if needed that the fairies in the picture are not her children. Baba Yaga: Sad, lonely, ect...
Read pages 3 and 4.			What do you predict will happen after Baba Yaga dresses as a Babushka?	Refer to Reader Response Rubric in Teacher's Guide to score prediction response.
Read pages 5 – 10.			Describe how Baba Yaga feels now. Add these responses to your green sticky note. Share how her feelings have changed.	Happy, accepted, proud

<p>Read aloud pages 11 – 15.</p>	<p>When I read this it made me feel good inside. I almost wished the story would end right now. But....I know it won't. I wonder what will happen next?</p>		<p>Look at your prediction from the beginning of the story. Do you need to adjust your prediction? Can you add to your prediction as to what will happen next? Write your response on your pink sticky note. Share with partner/class.</p>	<p>Refer to Reader Response Rubric to score response.</p>
<p>Read aloud pages 16 – 18.</p>			<p>How does Babushka Baba Yaga feel? Add your responses to the other character traits on your green sticky note.</p>	<p>Share responses with the class.</p>
<p>Read aloud pages 19 – 22.</p>		<p>What do you think is going to happen? Why? Turn and talk to your partner.</p>		
<p>Read aloud pages 23 to end of story.</p>			<p>How does Babushka Baba Yaga feel at the end of the story? Add your responses to the other character</p>	<p>Confirm or clarify your original prediction.</p>

			traits on the green sticky note.	
				Discuss with the students how the Baba Yaga changed from the beginning of the story, the middle and the end of the story.