

Hootie Classroom Activities

Hootie is an upper-elementary reader for grades 3-5. Its book length and activities can be scheduled to a school quarter. *Hootie* also has its own Glossary of Terms for enriching students' vocabulary and terminology with words like *phototaxis*, *whorl*, and *gandy dancer*.

Hootie is designed to be an integrative learning experience.

The downloadable lesson plans can be used as a guideline for classroom reading circles. Bonus questions about the themes for each chapter may also be used for short essay assignments.

Classroom activities can include:

- 1) YouTube presentation chronicling Hootie's growth
- 2) Owl calls and how to make owl calls with your own hands.
- 3) Native American Indian sign language and its progression to ASL that is used today. Native American Choctaw Joe Running Deer, a physical therapist in *Hootie*, teaches Mason—who is temporarily mute—how to sign.
- 4) Owl mobiles and other arts and crafts, as schedule allows:
<http://www.minieco.co.uk/hoot-hoot/>
<http://www.linesacross.com/2011/07/adorable-owl-crafts.html/>