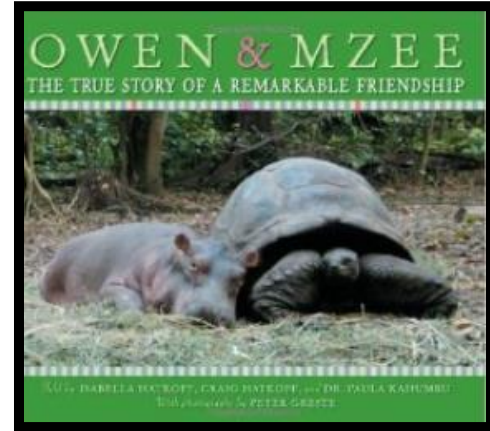


Author's Purpose

Objectives:

- Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text.
- Determine author's purpose.
- Discuss informational literature with classmates in a meaningful way.
- Recall information in order to write a response to a question.



Procedure:

- Ask students to consider this question: If a baby hippopotamus had no hippo family or friends, what type of animal do you imagine it would befriend? Make sure to have a good reason to support your opinion.
- Read *Owen And Mzee: The True Story Of A Remarkable Friendship* by Isabella Hatkoff. Explain that the author was 6-years-old when she wrote this story.
- Students will discuss what the author wanted to accomplish by telling this story.
- Students will write a paragraph explaining how the two animals in the story became friends.



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