

# THE TEACHER FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

## Learning Objectives:

1. Students will analyze the teacher in the book, comparing her to real teachers.
2. Students will compile a list of qualities of a good teacher.
3. Students will create a descriptive paragraph.
4. Students will make suggestions to solve problems in the classroom

TEKS: SS 3.11A, 18B, 4.21B; 5.25D; LA 3.5A, 18A, Fig 19D, 4.18A, Figure 19D, 5.16A, Figure 19D

Materials Needed: *The Teacher From the Black Lagoon* by Mike Thaler, paper, markers and/or crayons, pencils

Vocabulary: lagoon, ideal, nervous

## Teaching Strategy:

1. Introduce lesson by asking students to describe concerns that some students have at the beginning of school.
2. Assemble the students in order for them to see the illustrations of the book, *The Teacher From the Black Lagoon* as it is read aloud to them.
3. Introduce book by telling students that this book is about some real worries that one student experienced on the first day of school. Read book, asking for responses to each situation.
4. Ask students to tell about:
  - a. similar concerns they may have had at one time, perhaps when they were younger or when they started to a new school
  - b. a teacher they knew of that upset some students on the first day of school.
5. Ask students to brainstorm a list of qualities of a good teacher. How did Mrs. Green compare to this list? Did she have any good qualities?
6. Remind students that first year teachers also experience some of the same fears that students feel. In fact many are worried about "The Student From the Black Lagoon."
7. Ask students to describe "The Student From the Black Lagoon."

8. Ask students to write a half page paragraph, with an illustration, of an event that might occur between “The Student From the Black Lagoon” and a new teacher.
9. Allow each student to read his or her paragraph. Ask students what the teacher ought to do to deal with the disruptive student.
10. Use this lesson as an introduction to the creation of classroom rules.

Extension for G/T

Students may invite the gym teacher, librarian, or principal to read the corresponding books, *The Gym Teacher From the Black Lagoon*, *The Librarian From the Black Lagoon*, and *The Principal From the Black Lagoon* to the class, as a way to introduce their jobs and responsibilities.