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## **Giant Reading with The BFG**

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This unit will focus on "growing giants in reading" through encouraging and improving your students' reading comprehension skills. I explain how to complete a chapter -by-chapter analysis of *The BFG* by Roald Dahl. Throughout this unit we will focus on strengthening reading comprehension skills, through reinforcing and improving your students' retelling, predicting, making connections, and critical thinking skills. Students will also gain background knowledge, and make text-to-self connections with fairy tales by reading books about giants such as: Abiyoyo, Fin M'Coul, and Jack and the Bean Stalk.

(Developed for Language Arts, grade K; recommended for Language Arts, grades K-2)

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