

THE GRACIE SERIES
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Combined Answer Guide

Presentations 1-6

For use with the six Follow-Along Handouts

This guide provides suggested answers for the fill-in items. Reflection responses are open-ended and will vary.

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Presentation 1: What Is The Gracie Series?

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Suggested answers: Use these responses with the corresponding Follow-Along Handout. Open-ended reflection items may have many appropriate responses.

A Different Kind of Learning Experience

The goal is for every animated story to become a complete _____.

Answer: learning lesson

What Comes With Every Story?

1. Complete-the-Sentence _____

Answer: Worksheet

2. Learn Together _____ Sheet

Answer: Discussion

3. Story _____ Sheet

Answer: Reflection

4. Coloring _____

Answer: Sheet

A Quick Reflection

One idea from this presentation that stood out to me:

Answer: Answers will vary.

One way I could use The Gracie Series with children:

Answer: Answers will vary.

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Presentation 2: The Story Behind the Stories

Answer Guide

Suggested answers: Use these responses with the corresponding Follow-Along Handout. Open-ended reflection items may have many appropriate responses.

The Personal Journey Behind the Series

Dr. Grace LaJoy Henderson grew up in _____ and experienced many challenges.

Answer: foster care

Caring adults encouraged her to keep _____ and moving forward.

Answer: learning

Why Stories Matter

Children often remember a lesson because they remember a _____.

Answer: story

More Than Something Children Watch

Activities encourage children to continue _____, _____, and _____ together.

Answer: learning, discussing, and reflecting

A Quick Reflection

Think of a childhood story that taught you something or stayed with you.

Answer: Answers will vary.

One way a story can help a child learn or grow:

Answer: Answers will vary.

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Presentation 3: Every Story Becomes a Complete Learning Lesson

Answer Guide

Suggested answers: Use these responses with the corresponding Follow-Along Handout. Open-ended reflection items may have many appropriate responses.

Learning Begins With a Story

When the story ends, the _____ doesn't have to end.

Answer: learning

Step 1 - Watch

Every lesson begins with a short _____ story.

Answer: animated

Step 3 - Encourage Discussion

Children connect the story to their own _____.

Answer: experiences

Step 4 - Reflection

The Story Reflection Sheet helps children understand the story's _____.

Answer: meaning

A Quick Reflection

Which part of the five-step learning experience would be especially useful?

Answer: Answers will vary.

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Presentation 4: Helping Children Build Literacy Skills, Character, and Life Skills

Answer Guide

Suggested answers: Use these responses with the corresponding Follow-Along Handout. Open-ended reflection items may have many appropriate responses.

Three Areas of Growth

The Gracie Series helps children grow academically, socially, and _____.

Answer: personally

1. Building Literacy Skills

These thinking skills help children become stronger, more confident _____.

Answer: readers

The Power of Discussion

Meaningful conversations help children practice _____ thinking.

Answer: critical

A Quick Reflection

Which literacy skill, character trait, or life skill would you most like to reinforce?

Answer: Answers will vary.

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Presentation 5: Using The Gracie Series in Classrooms, Homeschools, and at Home

Answer Guide

Suggested answers: Use these responses with the corresponding Follow-Along Handout. Open-ended reflection items may have many appropriate responses.

Designed for Flexibility

The Gracie Series was created to fit wherever children are _____.

Answer: learning

In Homeschool Settings

One Gracie story can become an entire _____ arts activity.

Answer: language

At Home With Families

Even _____ to _____ minutes together can create valuable opportunities.

Answer: 10 to 15 minutes

A Quick Reflection

Where could you most easily imagine using The Gracie Series?

Answer: Answers will vary.

One way I could adapt a story or activity for the children I serve:

Answer: Answers will vary.

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Presentation 6: A Shared Commitment to Helping Children Grow

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Suggested answers: Use these responses with the corresponding Follow-Along Handout. Open-ended reflection items may have many appropriate responses.

One Simple Purpose

Everything comes back to one simple purpose: helping children _____.

Answer: grow

Caring Adults Make a Difference

Those moments _____.

Answer: matter

Another Tool to Support the Work You Already Do

It is designed to be another _____ that supports that work.

Answer: tool

Growing Together

When we work together, those opportunities _____.

Answer: grow

My Final Reflection

One idea from this professional development series that I would like to carry forward:

Answer: Answers will vary.

One way I can help create a meaningful learning moment for a child:

Answer: Answers will vary.