

CLOSING THE GAP WITH DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION

What is Differentiated Instruction?

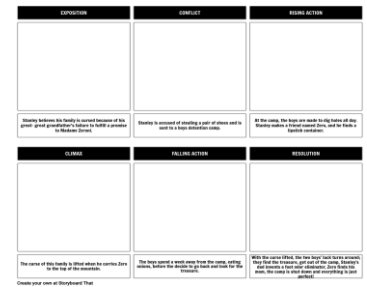
Differentiated instruction can be defined in a few ways. It may mean that teachers plan and deliver a lesson in more than one way, taking into consideration the varying ability levels of the students. Differentiated instruction can also mean planning the same material for all students but presenting it in different ways that best suit the needs of varying learning styles.

How Does Differentiated Instruction Help Close the Learning Gap?

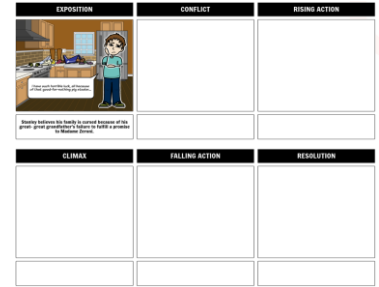
When teachers **differentiate instruction**, students at every level and with all learning styles can be motivated and engaged. Teachers can utilize different technology, techniques, and provide a variety of ways for students to “show what they know.”

How Can Teachers Differentiate with Storyboard That?

There are many ways to use Storyboard That to differentiate instruction in the classroom, right from your teacher dashboard! One way is by choosing to whether to show provided examples to students; some students need a visual, while some students work better without. Another way is to tailor the amount of writing in an assignment according to the needs in the classroom. One student may focus more on visual presentation, while another is writing detailed descriptions in each cell. Finally, with Storyboard That, teachers can add multiple **blank templates** to one assignment. With this option, teachers can either have students choose a template, or assign templates based on what suits the needs of particular students.



Check out all of the variations of this **Holes** plot diagram!



NEW RESOURCES

Here is our latest content for November. We've added new Teacher Guides, Articles and Templates that you can copy to your SBT account to use with your students! To find all our **Teacher Resources**, just scroll to the bottom of your Dashboard.



[Wolf Hollow](#)



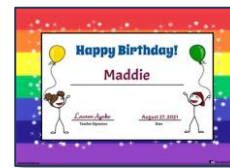
[The Breadwinner](#)



[Cycle Chart Layout](#)



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New Art: The art never stops! Check out our latest characters, scenes, and props in the Storyboard Creator! We've added:

- New Cats! Hairless and Calico
- Multi-Colored Hair Teens
- Wrestling Characters
- Campground Scene
- Athleisure Teens
- Bikers with Bandanas
- Fire-breathing Lizard Monster
- Colorful Market Alley Scene
- Mad Scientists
- Female Referee
- Business Casual Adults



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Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving is on Thursday, November 25th

It is a national holiday celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November every year in the United States. Thanksgiving is also celebrated at different times in Canada, Grenada, Saint Lucia, and Liberia.

[Thanksgiving](#) is traditionally a day to celebrate the harvest and give thanks for all the blessings of the previous year. It is common to incorporate the story of the English colonists or [Pilgrims of Plymouth, MA](#) who, in 1621, after a long, harsh winter enjoyed a harvest feast with their Native American allies, the Wampanoag people, who had helped the Pilgrims to survive.

However, after the arrival of the Pilgrims, conflicts ensued between them and the Wampanoag people. The result was devastating to the Wampanoag population which was decimated by war and diseases. Since 1970, to honor this tragic history, people have gathered in Plymouth on Thanksgiving to commemorate a "National Day of Mourning."

Veteran's Day is on Thursday, November 11th

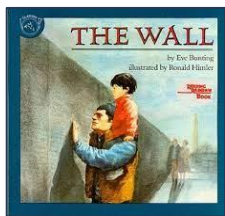
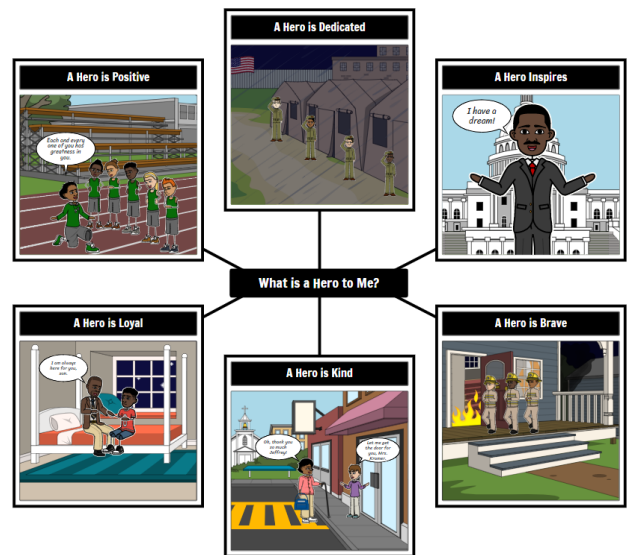
It is a day to honor and celebrate those who have served in the US Armed Forces. Unlike Memorial Day, which honors those who have died while in service, Veteran's Day is a day to celebrate *all* our vets, past and present.

How can **YOU** celebrate Veteran's Day in your classroom? Here are some ideas:

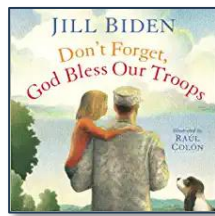
- Write a thank you letter to a veteran using one of SBT's [letter templates](#)! Don't know a veteran personally? Contact the [Department of Veteran Affairs](#) and ask where you can send your class letters!
- Talk to your class about heroism. Create a [spider map](#) that depicts what makes a hero.
- Using our [colorful labels](#), create a space in the hallway or in your classroom for students to write the names of people they know who have served our country!
- Read alouds are always a good way to teach about holidays and why they are important. Here are some that we love!

Check out our content related to the holiday!

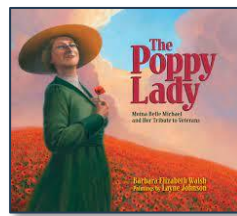
- [History of Thanksgiving and the Pilgrims](#)
- [Indigenous Peoples History Teacher Guides](#)
- [Thanksgiving Lessons and Activities](#)



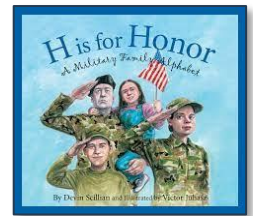
The Wall
by Eve Bunting



Don't Forget, God Bless Our Troops
by Jill Biden



The Poppy Lady
by Barbara Elizabeth Walsh



H is for Honor: A Military Family Alphabet
by Devin Scillian