

Bloom's Taxonomy, Teacher's Guide

Bloom's Taxonomy is the idea of getting a student to move from basic thought to abstract thought through guided questions. This worksheet is part of the unit on The Westing Game. The questions deal with the book and help students learn more about the themes and events within the book through answering six questions.

Question 1: Knowledge

This question basically asks the students to tell you what they know about the plot of the book. There is no major analysis just a reworking of facts and events within the book. This question asks students to rework the clues left in Sam Westing's will and show how they come to the conclusion of who took Sam Westing's life.

Question 2: Comprehension

This question challenges students to not only to know the events of the book but also to actually understand them. This is an important step because if comprehension has not been achieved then you can't move onto the other steps.

Question 3: Application

Judging by the two questions above, the students should now know the events of the book and understand them. In this question they are doing something with that knowledge. They are writing a letter to Sam Westing voicing their opinions of the Westing Game and its results.

Question 4: Analysis

This step is getting closer to seeing if the students really understand the major themes within the book. Having the students prioritize their lives and observing where they prioritize money will help them relate to the characters themselves.

Question 5: Creative Thinking

This is the step that is most fun for the students. They get to use all of their knowledge and creativity to create their own story. These stories should reflect how much the students really understand the characters within The Westing Game.

Question 6: Critical Thinking

This is the final step in Bloom's Taxonomy. It finalizes all the previous learning and makes the students look at what they have learned. They must decide the theme of the book and they must know the reasons why.