## A Bushel of Stories – Lesson 1 - Virtual Learning Adaption

Target Grade Level: 6-8 Grade

Full Lesson Plan: <https://www.iowaagliteracy.org/Article/A-Bushel-of-Stories-Lesson-1-Book-Basics-middle-school>

This document is meant for you, the teacher, to use to convert the lesson plan into a virtual learning module for your students. You can use the steps outlined below to create different elements of a Google Classroom or other online learning module. You can also send the steps directly to your students in a PDF, present them in a virtual meeting, or plug them into any other virtual learning platform you use. Find more virtual lessons here: [Virtual Learning.](https://www.iowaagliteracy.org/Tools-Resources/Other/Virtual-Learning)

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| Engage | Start by deciding what things are from modern farms and what things are from historical farms. When you complete the activity, save it and send it to your teacher.* [Venn Diagram activity](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1b3Z1WJ2XwUR1wgVwr2klCWLCxZBFdgNZGbDz_iywjes/copy?usp=sharing)
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| Explore | Watch these videos to learn about book characteristics.* [Author and illustrator](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=af_hemaTGTM&t=4s&ab_channel=KinderTalks)
* [Fiction and nonfiction](https://youtu.be/CFbX-wFPvWo?t=25)
* [Author’s perspective](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSqN25dpPig&ab_channel=HollyPatrick)
* [Purpose](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LlbXqw06OFU&ab_channel=McGraw-HillPreK-12)
* [Main idea](https://youtu.be/xJGQIYU_xhs)
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| Explain | Now read the My Family’s Dairy Farm book. When you have finished, complete the worksheet filling in the book’s characteristics, save it and send it to your teacher.* [My Family’s Dairy Farm](https://www.iowaagliteracy.org/Tools-Resources/Publications/My-Familys-Farm)
* [My Family’s Dairy Farm book characteristics activity](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1w4LjVZ5jQMcr5nG21_GMia4hg_KRjSfNE1paX_awEd0/copy?usp=sharing)
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| Elaborate | Now it’s time to brainstorm! You’ve learned about what modern farms are like and read a book about agriculture. If you were to write a short story about food or agriculture, what would it be about? Download this worksheet and fill out the first box ONLY. * [Writing graphic organizer](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Hv0xFJ91h__1kO0GWThWW4ZGd_0bGDjmp-XuKLXROwQ/copy?usp=sharing)
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| Evaluate | Which one of your book ideas is your favorite? Which one do you know the most about? Circle or highlight your favorite idea in the graphic organizer document. Save the document. You will be using the same worksheet later!  |