A Lesson on Why Did Mamma Change Her Mind?
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Lesson Description: Students will read a passage and answer questions based on that passage.

Common Core Standards Covered with This Lesson
 CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.4.1: Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.4.4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in mythology (e.g., Herculean).

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.4.1: Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.4.1b: Provide reasons that are supported by facts and details.
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Content: Mamma Miller told Fay and Lonnie that they might have a party, so they tried to get ready for it. Mrs. Miller said they could invite ten children. You write to five girls, Fay, she said, and Lonnie will write to the five boys.

Lonnie and Fay sat on the couch. They tried to think who they would like to come to their party. Make out your list first, said Lonnie. Fay did, and her brother agreed to all the girls.

As soon as Lonnie started writing his names, Fay began to find fault. I don't like boys, anyway, said Fay, only you, Lonnie. Let's have all girls at our party.

But it won't be my party too, said Lonnie, if you have all girls.

I don't care, all of those boys are horrid, pointing to his paper.

You say that because you don't like boys, he said and then told his sister that every boy whose name he had written was just as good as gold. They were just as good as Lonnie Miller himself was, and everybody said he was one of the best boys that ever lived.

I won't play with him if he comes, Fay kept saying to every name Lonnie wrote.

You can have your party, said Lonnie, getting up out of the easy chair and sitting down in a smaller one, you and your girls. I'm going to play my video game.

I don't like boys, Fay kept saying, jumping down off the arm of the chair. But I like video games. Can we have your games at our party?

Lucia their older sister was passing the door just then, so she thought she would stop and see what all the noise was. I'm calling mamma.

Mamma came hurrying in. When they told her about the invitations, she said, Your brother has been very good about this party. He was willing to let you have it with just girls. But I said it would be a party for both of you. So it will be a party for none of you. There will be no party.

But you said we could have a party for ten people.

I said that you could have a party for ten children, five boys and five girls. You took all ten. That is not fair. So there will be no party. When you learn to share, then you will have a party.

So there was no party. Months later, Mamma asked again, Shall we have a party? What do you think happened?
Task 1: Vocabulary

Instructions: Please complete the following vocabulary activity by choosing the correct meaning of each word selected from the passage and use of each word correctly in a sentence.

Q: 1  WordPhrase: Horrid  Tier: 2
Q: The author in this passage said "I don't care, all of those boys are horrid." What does the word "horrid" mean in this sentence?
A: Wonderful
B: Nice
C: Awful
D: Interesting

Question: Which of the following sentences uses the word "horrid" correctly?
A: I love flowers so much, they smell so horrid!
B: When I met my older brother's girlfriend I thought she was simply horrid.
C: The other day I ate some ice cream, it was so delicious and horrid.
D: People who donate to charities are just horrid.

Q: 2  WordPhrase: As good as gold  Tier: 2
Q: What does the author mean when he says "...every boy whose name he had written was just as good as gold."
A: The boys were shiny
B: The boys had a lot of gold with them
C: The boys were amazing people
D: The boys were worthless

Question: Which sentence below uses the phrase "as good as gold" correctly?
A: The people who lived down the street from us were amazing, they were just as good as gold.
B: I used to know a bad man, that man was as good as gold.
C: I found some silver, it's as good as gold.
D: She did not like her new friend, she thought he was as good as gold.

Q: 3  WordPhrase: Invitations  Tier: 3
Q: When the author says "When they told her about the invitations she said..." what does the word "invitations" mean in this sentence?
A: A request for someone to go somewhere or do something.
B: A mean name.
C: Telling someone to leave.
D: Asking someone for a ride to school.

Question: Which sentence below uses the word "invitation" correctly?
A: I told her to leave and she yelled an invitation at me in anger.
B: Did you send everyone an invitation to your birthday?
C: I would like an invitation with a side of green beans and a Coke, please.
D: Can I come to your invitation?

Q: 4  WordPhrase: Agreed  Tier: 3
Q: What does the author mean when he says "agreed" in the sentence, "Fay did, and her brother agreed to all the girls"?
A: Said no.
B: Said yes.
C: Yelled.
D: Invited.

Question: Which sentence below uses the work "agreed" correctly?
A: He was walking home and found some agreed.
B: No! She yelled, agreeing to the question.
C: The man was asked if he would clean up the kitchen, and he agreed.
D: He was a very agreed person, when he stated that he wanted all the candy for himself.
Task 2: Forum Discussion

Instructions: This discussion forum will have questions for students to respond. Read the posted questions, and respond to each. Students are responsible for posting one initial and and two peer responses for each topic.

1 - Why did Fay find fault?
When Lonnie started writing down names, why did Fay find fault?

2 - "I'm calling Mamma."
When Lonnoe and Fay's sister walked by the door, why did she say that she was calling Mamma?

3 - Very good about this party.
Why did Mamma say Your brother has been very good about this party?

4 - No party!
Why did Mamma say that neither Fay or Lonnie could have a party?

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Task 3: Writing Activity

**Instructions:** What were the actions that lead Mamma to cancel the party for both Fay and Lonnie? Was one of the children more willing to compromise than another? Give specific examples of moments when one child compromised with another. Give examples of moments when one child did not compromise. Write 250-word minimum.