

## Novel in an Hour

As a way to pique the interests of a class of reluctant readers, rip apart a paperback copy of a novel and randomly distribute a complete unnumbered (important!!) chapter to each student. Ask each student to read the chapter and fill out the sheet below. When each student is finished, begin the process of reassembling the novel by asking if any student believes her chapter to be the first. Ask the student to share her sheet. If the class is satisfied with the result, ask the class to figure out what comes next. In about an hour the class will have reassembled the novel. **NOTES:** #1 Many often reluctant students will ask to read the whole novel, from cover to cover, because they are now interested and because they are supported by knowing plot and characters. #2 Regardless how strong the reader is, every student's contribution is equally valuable to reassemble the novel. #3 Use a novel with short, action oriented chapters. Jerry Spinnelli's Frindle has been used with great success.

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The chapter begins with \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Then \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Next \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The problem is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The chapter ends with \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I think this chapter is \_\_\_\_\_ at the beginning of the book.

\_\_\_\_\_ in the middle of the book.

\_\_\_\_\_ at the end of the book.