



Teacher's Notes Summer Camp

Page 1: Now we know some things about Nick Jonas already, don't we? One thing we know is that he was not only a singer, but an actor. One of the movies he was in is called Camp Rock. Have you heard of it? There were a lot of people who really loved that movie. It was about kids going to a summer camp and having a good time.

Take your **Camp Rock** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about what we know about Camp Rock.

Page 2: Do you know anything about summer camp? It's in the summer, right? I love the summer. That is when school is on vacation. It's a relaxing time. What months are the summer months? What are some things that people do in the summer? One thing is go to a camp. There are a lot of different camps. Some of them are only during the day. Some of them are like Camp Rock where the campers stay at the camp for a week or so. Summer camps are a fun way to do activities and meet new people.

Take your **Summer Camp** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about what we know about summer and summer camps.

Page 3: When you go to a summer camp that lasts a week, you sleep at the camp. You stay in cabins. The cabins have the type of beds you see in the picture. Those are called bunk beds. Do you like sleeping in bunk beds? Do you like the top or bottom. You have to use a little ladder to get to the top bunk. I think I would want to stay on the bottom. I don't want to have to climb up and down the ladder. When you get to the cabin, that is when you meet the other campers who are in your cabin. What can you say to them to introduce yourself? What would you like to know about them? We can ask questions to find out what we want to know.

Take your **cabin** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about what we know about camp cabins.

Page 4: After you get assigned a cabin and a bed, it's time to meet the counselor. Each cabin has a counselor, usually. The counselor is someone you can ask questions to. Camp counselors are usually really nice people. The camps usually hire people who are really nice and fun. What kinds of questions do you think you might ask your counselor? (Guide class in asking questions about food, bed time, not feeling well, restroom, etc.

Take your **counselor** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about what combing hair.

Page 5: Camp is fun. You meet so many new people. Have you met anyone new this month? The camp organizes games for people to play so that they can have fun with their new friends. The campers also get to exercise. Can you think of games that people play outside? I know when I was a kid we used to play Kick the Can. That game was so fun. Have you heard of it? (explain it). If you are meeting someone at camp, what do you think they might want to know about you? (help them move away from only saying basic things and guide them to say something that is interesting to them. You can help students with this by pointing out a student who you know loves the Dallas Cowboys and say that would be good

to share. Maybe someone else at the camp likes that team too! Give a lot of examples if they don't get it.

Take your **campers** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about what the campers do at camp and how they think of things to say to people they meet at camp.

Page 6: One of the best things about camp is the camp fires. Everyone loves to sit around the fire and sing or roast marshmallows. It's a fun way to hang out at the end of the day. Have you ever learned any songs at camp? Here is a video to Boom chicka-boom, a camp song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCCC7iTUNvc> Here is another one with movements that would be fun to follow along with: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3fjdEEI0GjQ> Do you know how to make S'mores? (recipe for making them in the microwave in worksheets) What ingredients goes in them? Discuss S'mores.

Take your **campfire** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about what they know about what happens at camp at night.

Page 7: Another tradition at some camps is telling ghost stories at night by the fire. What is a ghost? It's something spooky. On Halloween people dress up like a ghost sometimes. One tradition is for the camp counselor to say a story that is kind of scary, but not true. It's for fun. Campers like that.

Take your **ghost stories** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about all the different things that campers might talk about around the campfire.

Page 8: Do you like to make crafts? At camp there is usually a time where people can make crafts. One is making friendship bracelets. They are made by braiding string. Look at the picture. Why are they called friendship bracelets? If you give one to someone, that means that they are your friend. Who are some people you could give a friendship bracelet to? What are some other crafts? How about stringing beads or making a birdhouse? **(Activity with typical peers: This would be a good opportunity for general education students to work with students to make friendship bracelets together.** Here is a fairly simple video on how to make them. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6SpYmdjy3So>

Take your **crafts** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about crafts and friendship bracelets.

Page 9: Taking pictures at camp is a lot of fun. There are so many things campers can take pictures of. What are some things that they might take pictures of? What do people do with pictures? You can make a scrapbook. Lead a discussion on all the different things that could be photographed that would be fun. Perhaps have students go around campus with a buddy and take pictures. They could work together to make a scrapbook with the pictures.

Take your **pictures** Main Idea card and find a partner to ask questions and quiz each other about how taking pictures at a camp or anywhere and making a scrapbook.