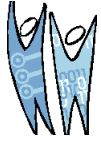


Name: Elementary Example

Reading: Lightening by Stephen Kramer and William Faidley



## Literature Circle: Nonfiction Discussion Guide



While you are reading or after you have finished reading, prepare for your group meeting by doing the following:

**Making Connections:** What personal connections did you make with the reading? Did you think of anything happening in the news or around school? Did you think of something you have read?

A tree outside my house was hit by lightening. There was a big split down the middle of the tree. Now part of the tree is dying.

I don't like lightening storms. I am afraid that I will be hit by the lightening.

I saw a news story on tv about people being hit by lightening on the beach. They were all ok, but they had to go to the hospital.

**Discussion Questions:** Write down a few questions you would like to discuss with your group. They could be questions that came to your mind while reading, questions you would like to ask the author, questions you would like to investigate, or any other questions you can think the group might like to discuss.

I would like to invistigate how and why lightening starts on the ground and goes up into the storm clouds?

How can we protect ourselves from lightening?

How does lightening occur?

How do scientists study lightening?

Can we use the power of lightening as an energy source?

**Passages:** Decide which lines or sections of the text you will share with your group. These passages might be important, puzzling, beautiful, strange, well written, controversial, or striking in some way. Be ready to read these aloud to your group.

**Illustration:** On the back of this page, sketch a picture related to what you are reading. You can draw a picture of something that is specifically talked about in the text or something from your own experience or feelings. Be ready to show your picture to your group.