

Title of book: *A Crocodile's Tale*

Author's name: Jose & Ariane Aruego

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Reading Level: 2nd grade

Genre: Multi-cultural

Synopsis:

This is a story about gratitude. A crocodile is tied in a tree and asks a young boy, Juan, to untie him. He promises Juan a gold ring for the deed, but when he becomes freed he wants to eat the boy. Juan persuaded the crocodile to take the opinions of a basket and a hat before he eats Juan. Unfortunately for Juan, both objects tell stories of how people have been ungrateful and tell the crocodile to eat the boy. Finally, they decide to ask a monkey. The monkey tricks the crocodile into coming closer to the bank so that the boy can jump into the monkey's arms. Juan and his father plant banana trees for the monkey to show their gratitude.

Theme: Gratitude

Activity One: Dictionary & Sentence Making

- Original----Jeff Mendenhall
- The objective of the activity is to know the definition or gratitude and use it correctly in a sentence.
- After reading the text, the students will look up gratitude in the dictionary. If the students have trouble using the dictionary then they may use on another as helpful resources. The students must write the definition of gratitude and then use it correctly in their own sentence.

Activity Two: Letters

- <http://www.englishcompanion.com/assignments/reading/103readingactivities.htm>
- The objective of this activity is to summarize and show a mastery of comprehension.
- After reading the text, the students will write to a friend, summarizing the story. After summarizing the story the students will add why it is important for each one of us to feel grateful.