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# The Jacket my Gary Soto

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## Topic: The Jacket by Gary Soto

## Level: Intermediate (Reading Course)

Objectives: To improve students' critical thinking skills by answering questions based on Soto's story *The Jacket*. To improve teamwork skills by communicating effectively to decide on a common answer.

### **Duration: 40-45 minutes**

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#### Instructions:

- After reading *The Jacket* by Gary Soto, the instructor leads a whole-class discussion talking about the main ideas of the reading. The text can be assigned as homework to avoid spending class time.
- 2. Then, students are randomly assigned to a team. The class is divided into six teams.
- 3. Each team is assigned one question (based on houstonisd.org). The instructor shares the *Canva* design with the six questions.
- 4. The students are given about 10 minutes to discuss their possible answers to the assigned questions.
- 5. The students share their answers with the whole class.
- 6. After all teams have participated, the instructor leads a closing remarks discussion.

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