

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Then Moses **went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo**, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and **the Lord showed him** the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, 2 all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, 3 the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar.

4 The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you **see it with your eyes**, but you shall not cross over there.” 5 Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. 6 He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. 7 **Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated.** 8 **The Israelites wept for Moses** in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

9 Joshua son of Nun was **full of the spirit of wisdom**, because **Moses had laid his hands on him**; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

10 Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom **the Lord knew face to face.** 11 He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, 12 and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Eye - B, Body - B, Music - I, Nature - B, People - B

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic			
Eye - Visual/Spatial MWD	Pisgah is where Balok, King of Moab took Balaam to curse Israel. Now it is the place where Moses sees the future blessing.	A couple artistic representations and in one of them, Moses is about 300 feet tall!  Kind of a Circle of Life pose...	Vss. 1-3 - Use Google Earth to stand on a mountain overlooking the Promised Land from the Moab side . You’ll notice it’s very hazy. You can barely see across the Dead Sea. Or, more specifically, I found Mt. Nebo . • Or just use the good old 2-D maps. • This was a supernatural

			<p>vision of the land, apparently.</p> <p>Maybe Moses was able to see through space and time.</p>
<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p>	<p>God gives Moses notice of his coming death. Yikes, not sure I would want that....</p>	<p>120 years 1440 months The people mourned for 8.3% of a year and .07% of Moses' life.</p>	<p>In terms of entering the Promised Land, Moses is the odd one out. Change the name of the old card game from "Old Maid" to "Moses"?</p>
<p>Body - Kinesthetic D2</p>		<p>List of verified oldest people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oldest was 122.5! - Jeanne Calment of France, b. 1875, d. 1997 • <p>The physical location of the markers given in verses 1-3 are important because we are embodied people whose feet touch the ground on which we live. Where we are from is a significant part of who we are.</p>	<p>Jews finish their own liturgical year reading this last part of Deuteronomy and then immediately go back to Genesis 1 where God creates all the next week. The idea is that God takes Moses' last breath at the end of the year and breathes it into Adam at the beginning of the next one. So, spend some time breathing and contemplating the cyclical nature of life with God!</p>
<p>Musical MWD</p>	<p>A question from a commentary I read wondered if Moses died like Simeon in Luke 2, glad to see the promise fulfilled - or nearly so. But was he also frustrated or sad he didn't get all the way?</p>	<p>What would Moses' theme at this point sound like? Would it be wistful or soaring or mournful?</p>	

<p>Natural</p> <p>D2</p>		<p>Describe in geographic terms the land Moses saw-- the mountains and highlands in Dan in the north, the coastal plain near the Mediterranean, the desert of the Negeb, the rolling hills and wilderness of central Judah, etc.</p> <p>Here is some help, and here</p> <p>Compare it to your own local geography.</p>	<p>Moses planted a lot of seeds for the people of Israel that he would not harvest. In what gardens have you toiled and not seen the harvest? Is this something you expected when you began? Is it something you let go of willingly? (Also SELF)</p> <p>Attributed to Martin Luther: "Even if I knew the world would end tomorrow, I would still plant a tree."</p> <p>Like the folks in Ranson who planted a Dawn Redwood.</p>
<p>People - Interpersonal</p> <p>MWD</p>	<p>Why does death have that particular power to make someone bigger or better than we knew in life? How is it that being dead will smooth over the rough edges of a relationship? Do we do this or is it because someone is now dead and can no longer give evidence to the contrary?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A variety of famous eulogies • 9 of the best eulogies <p>⇒ Then start your sermon as if it were a eulogy for Moses?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apparently, it is common among Jews to wish another "May you live until 120" in reference to Moses. 	<p>Invite your folk to bless one another in this way - "May you live until 120" - understanding it to be a blessing, not a curse!</p>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p>		<p>Martin Luther King, Jr on the night of April 3, 1968:</p> <p><i>"Well, I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop. And I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the</i></p>	<p>Are there any times you have been part of something that you knew you would not see the end of? A project that would be handed off to a successor?</p>

		<i>promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we, as a people will get to the promised land.”</i>	
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