

The Big Read

A Lesson Before Dying – Ernest J. Gaines

Here is a complete 19-page facilitation guide for the Heart of Illinois Community Foundation Big Read community project.

It includes:

- Six-week reading schedule covering all 31 chapters
- Complete 60–90-minute session plans
- Discussion questions and interactive activities
- Community agreements
- Trauma-aware facilitation guidance
- Strategies for navigating silence, tension, and difficult conversations
- Participant reading schedule and reflection sheet
- Character guide
- Facilitator planning pages
- Participant evaluation form