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Grade Span			ICLE Application Model			
<i>K-4</i>	<i>5-8</i> X	<i>9-12</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i> X	<i>D</i>

Instructional Focus:

Reading

Students read a variety of grade level materials, applying strategies appropriate to various situations

Speaking

Students speak for a variety of purposes and audiences with sophistication and complexity appropriate to the grade level.

Performance Task

Solicit student volunteers, one at a time, to portray a character from a novel the class is currently reading. The volunteer must stay in character, thinking and acting as that person, while taking questions from the rest of the class. This is especially effective after a significant event occurs in a novel. Questions can include why a character acted as they had in a particular situation.

For example: 1) Why did Karana, in Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O’Dell, hesitate to make contact when potential rescuers came to the island?

2) Why did Matt, in Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare, decide to stay alone and not travel with Attean’s tribe?

ICLE Essential Skills

• Use brainstorming, role playing, and standard problem solving strategies to define a problem and suggest solutions. (ela 19)

• Make informed judgments about topics under discussion such as current events, literature, movies, or plays. (36b)

• Understand and relate to situations, events and characters in a reading selection. (57)

• Respond orally to fellow student's opinions during presentations by asking questions, asking for clarification, agreeing and/or disagreeing courteously. (59)

• Evaluate the way an author uses language and text characteristics such as plot, setting, theme, character, point of view, genre etc. to evoke a response in a reader. (72)

Scoring Guide:

Score each characteristic 4 – 0, where:

4 – Surpasses Expectation

3 – High Quality Performance

2 – Satisfactory Performance

1 – Minimum Quality Performance

0 – Does Not Meet Expectation

Characteristic _____ Score

Character portrayal

Questioning

Keywords

English Language Arts	Mathematics	Science
Reading Comprehension	Algebra	Earth Science
Writing	Geometry	Life Science
Communications Dramatization Communication	Statistics	Chemistry
Literature Character	Calculus	Physics
Other	Trigonometry	Other
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