



Gold Seal Lesson

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

Instructional Focus:

Reading

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

Writing

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

Performance Task

At the end of a novel, whether assigned for outside reading or classroom instruction, students will be able to develop their own web pages that summarize the action in the story and provide a recommendation of the book. Teachers can use journal or response activities while students are reading to periodically check for progress.

It is appropriate to use the writing process to develop the web pages. Students may not be allowed to add backgrounds or animated gifs until their web page is free of errors and misspellings.

Schools must have Internet access, and students must have access to a web design program such as Netscape Navigator, Microsoft Front Page, or Macromedia's Dreamweaver.

For examples of student work, see <http://www.zeebee.org>

For free backgrounds, see <http://www.visualparadox.com>

For free animated gifs, see <http://www.animfactory.com>

ICLE Essential Skills

Apply in writing the rules and conventions of grammar, usage, punctuation, paragraphing and spelling. (ela 1)

Understand rules of grammar, usage, punctuation, paragraphing and spelling. (ela 7)

Present information in well-organized fashion that will be clear to the target audience. (ela 11)

Draft a report that engages an audience and is concise, clear, well organized, accurate, and informative. (ela 12)

Apply rules of appropriate diction, grammar, and usage in formal speaking situations. (ela 13)

Use editing and revising skills to improve effectiveness and accuracy of drafts. (ela 14)

Understand the importance of accuracy in final drafts. (ela 33)

Scoring Guide:

Characteristic	Criteria	Score
Plot Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identifies main characters ▪ Identifies major conflicts in novel ▪ States resolution of conflicts ▪ Correct grammar and spelling 	<p>_____ / 20</p> <p>_____ / 20</p> <p>_____ / 10</p> <p>_____ / 10</p>
Recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Book is given a rating out of five stars ▪ Specific reasons for rating are given using examples from novel ▪ Correct grammar and spelling 	<p>_____ / 5</p> <p>_____ / 15</p> <p>_____ / 10</p>
Pictures / Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Either picture or background relates to action in the book 	<p>_____ / 5</p>
Visual Appeal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Font color, background, and position of title and pictures allow reader to easily read book review 	<p>_____ / 5</p>

Keywords

English Language Arts	Mathematics	Science
Reading Authors Booktalks Comprehension Enhance Writing Fluency Independent Reading Response Journals	Algebra	Earth Science
Writing Internet Journals Paragraphs Reviews Sequencing Spelling	Geometry	Life Science
Communications	Statistics	Chemistry
Literature Characters Literature Fiction Non-Fiction Summary	Calculus	Physics
Other	Trigonometry	Other
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