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Gold Seal Lesson:

Copernicus Education Gateway

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

Instructional Focus:

Students synthesize individual language arts skills.

Students write for a variety of purposes and audiences with sophistication and complexity.

Performance Task

Students will use copies of Real Estate papers which contain pictures of homes and short descriptive write ups. After discussing the pictures and information given on the houses students prepare a Venn diagram showing how the houses are the same and different. Using the Venn diagram they will then write a comparative piece including a paragraph telling how the houses are the same, one telling how they are different and finally including a paragraph telling where they would rather live and why.

Teacher note: If you use this idea for primary children it may be used in conjunction with Community studies, students may use Social Studies text and compare two homes. Also the book A House Is a House For Me* shows different homes and can be used for comparison paragraph springboards.

*A House Is a House for Me, Hoberman, MaryAnn. Puffin Books, 1982.

ICLE Essential Skills

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

Identify, collect and/or select pertinent information while reading. (ela 5)

Understand and use a variety of organizational formats such as compare/contrast, cause/effect, inductive/deductive, most important to least important, and least important to most important. (ela 50)

Scoring Guide:

Checklist: 3=Excellent 2=Satisfactory 1=unsatisfactory

Characteristic

Create Venn Diagram

Uses the information from the diagram

Paragraphs meet criteria, including likes, differences, preference, why.

Paragraphs use correct conventions of language, spelling etc.

Keywords

English Language Arts	Mathematics	Science
Reading	Algebra	Earth Science
Writing Compare/Contrast	Geometry	Life Science
Communications	Statistics	Chemistry
Literature	Calculus	Physics
Other	Trigonometry	Other
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