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The Common Core meets Charlotte A. Cavatica:
Strengthening the Web of Connections
Between Narrative & Information Text
Using Children's Books

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Common Core State Standards

- Provide teachers and parents a clear and consistent understanding of what students are expected to learn
- Are designed to be robust and "real world" and to provide students:
 - Knowledge and skills
 - College readiness
 - Career readiness



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CCSS are Broken Down into...

- Speaking and Listening
- Reading Literature
- Reading Foundational Skills
- Reading Information Text
- Writing
- Language

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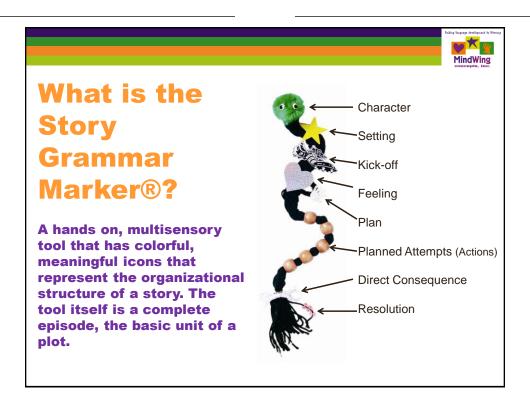
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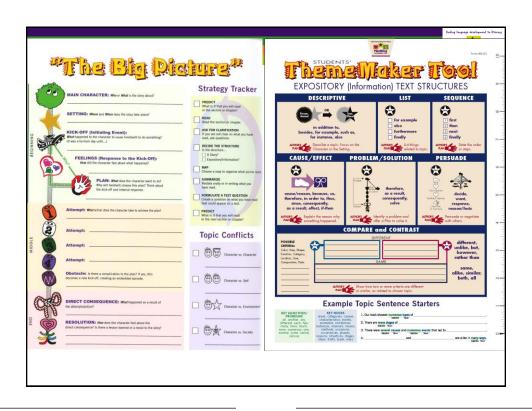
- CCSS sets grade-specific standards but <u>does not define the</u> <u>intervention methods or materials necessary</u> to support students who are well below or well above grade-level expectations
- SLPs, Teachers, Reading Specialists, Literacy Coaches, Special Educators and Interventionists can...
 - Provide oral language development interventions
 - Support interrelationships among reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language
 - Collaborate with each other, families and administrators
 - Bolster RTI initiatives

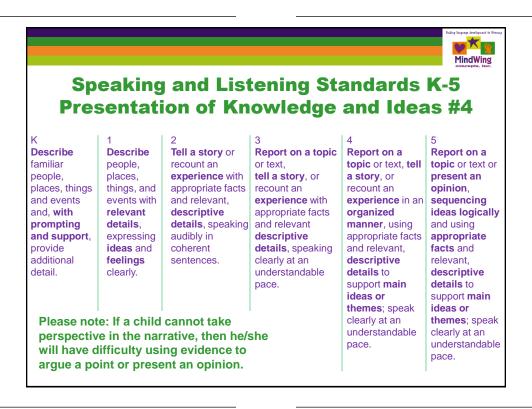




A quick review of Story Grammar Marker® & ThemeMaker® methodologies which will be used with an exemplar text to show how to support the Common Core State Standards.









A note about expository (information) text...

Expository (non fiction) text is found in pictures, charts, textbooks, newspapers, recipes, science experiments, magazines, the internet, brochures, grocery lists, tv news, driving directions, etc....

The more exposure to expository text, or information, that a child has, the more literate he/she becomes in time.



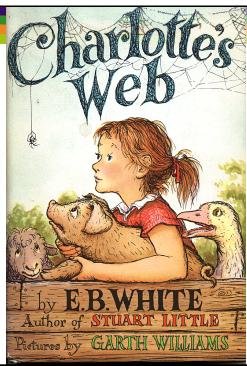
In this webinar...

We will use an exemplar text, Charlotte's Web, along with other texts by CCSS exemplar text authors to demonstrate how to analyze the texts for supporting the Common Core State Standards.



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purposes in this webinar?



MindWing concepts, inc.

"Begin with a good definition. Then, if you need to know the basics about a topic, go to the encyclopedia or a children's book at the library. Those two sources will give you a starting point; giving you the background you need to think about before you write."







In 2012, Charlotte's Web topped Scholastic's Parent and Child magazine's list of 100 Greatest Books for Kids. It is a narrative (story) chapter book with many elements of expository (information) text within it. Charlotte's full name is Charlotte A. Cavatica, as she introduces herself on page 37 of the book. This

sparked curiosity and I wondered how much information about spiders and pigs did E.B. White know?

I found out that the scientific term for "barn spider" is *araneus cavaticus*. The genus is araneus and the species is cavaticus. Also, E.B. White lived on a farm in Maine. How did he think up the story for Charlotte's Web? "I had been watching a big grey spider at her work and was impressed by how clever she was at weaving. Gradually I worked the spider into the story that you know, a story of friendship and salvation on a farm."



- Scholastic

Facts about Charlotte's Web

• Originally published in 1952 by Harper Collins

Interest level: Grades 3-6Reading Level: Grade 4

• Lexile Level: 680L

• DRA Level: 40



What is an Exemplar Text?

- "Models or examples, not mandates"
- "Aid educators in selecting appropriate instructional texts....they are there to lead the way not to be the curriculum."

Hiebert, Elfrieda H. (2013) The CCSS Text Exemplars: Understanding Their Aims and Use in Text Selection, *Reading Today*

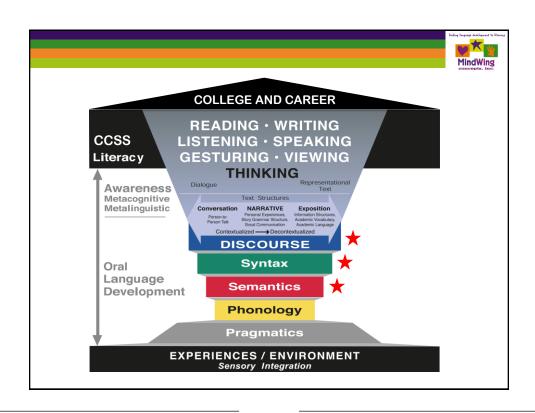
• "Serve as useful guideposts in helping educators select texts of similar complexity, quality and range for their own classrooms."

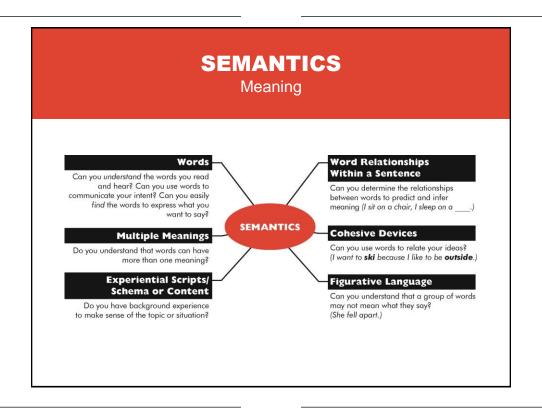
CCSS Initiative, Appendix B, 2010, p. 2



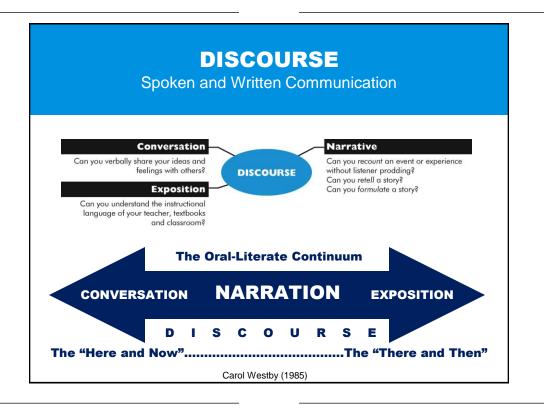
Teachers are being asked to look at texts for vocabulary, sentence length, cohesion and text length.

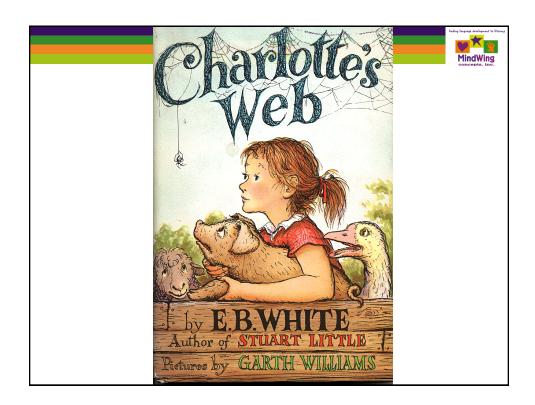
SLPs are particularly well positioned to collaborate with teachers because of their background in sentence complexity, cohesive ties, text types and complexity.





SYNTAX and MORPHOLOGY From Simple to Complex Sentences **Word Order** Verb Tense Can you form a simple, compound or Are your tenses consistent when you complex sentence? SYNTAX talk or write? Put words together to form a sentence? **Cohesive Ties** Morphology Are you able to combine your ideas into Do you use suffixes to change tenses? a sentence using "tie" words? (and, first, (Decide/decided) but, because, so) Do people understand your pronoun referent? (John likes candy bars. He bought some.)







Writing Standards Grade 5 – Text Types and Purposes

Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.

- a. Orient the reader by establishing a situation and introducing a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.
- b. Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, description, and pacing, to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations.
- c. Use a variety of transitional words, phrases, and clauses to manage the sequence of events.
- d. Use concrete words and phrases and sensory details to convey experiences and events precisely.
- e. Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.



Common Core State STANDARDS FOR English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects

Appendix B: Text Exemplars and Sample Performance Tasks

White, E. B. Charlotte's Web. Illustrated by Garth Williams. New York: HarperCollins, 2001. (1952)

From Chapter 1: "Before Breakfast", pages 1-3 Excerpt

"Where's Papa going with that ax?" said Fern to her mother as they were setting the table for breakfast.

"Out to the hoghouse," replied Mrs. Arable. "Some pigs were born last night." "I don't see why he needs an ax," continued Fern, who was only eight.

"Well," said her mother, "one of the pigs is a runt. It's very small and weak, and it will never amount to anything. So your father has decided to do away with it." "Do away with it?" shrieked Fern. "You mean kill it? Just because it's smaller than the others?"

Mrs. Arable put a pitcher of cream on the table. "Don't yell, Fern!" she said. "Your father is right. The pig would probably die anyway."

Fern pushed a chair out of the way and ran outdoors. The grass was wet and the earth smelled of springtime. Fern's sneakers were sopping by the time she caught up with her father.



"Please don't kill it!" she sobbed. "It's unfair." Mr. Arable stopped walking. "Fern," he said gently, "you will have to learn to control yourself."

"Control myself?" yelled Fern. "This is a matter of life and death, and you talk about controlling myself."

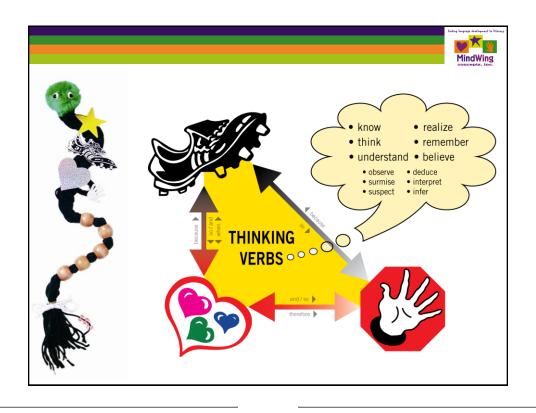
Tears ran down her cheeks and she took hold of the ax and tried to pull it out of her father's hand.

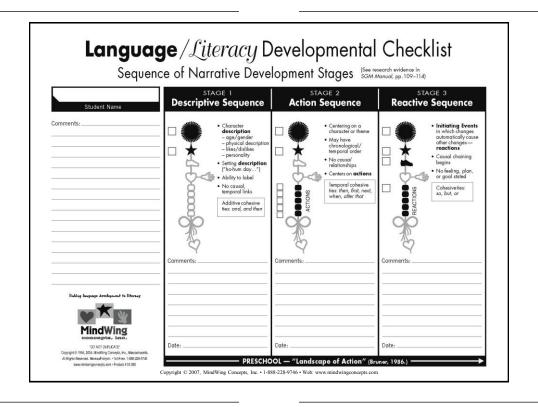
"Fern," said Mr. Arable, "I know more about raising a litter of pigs than you do. A weakling makes trouble. Now run along!"

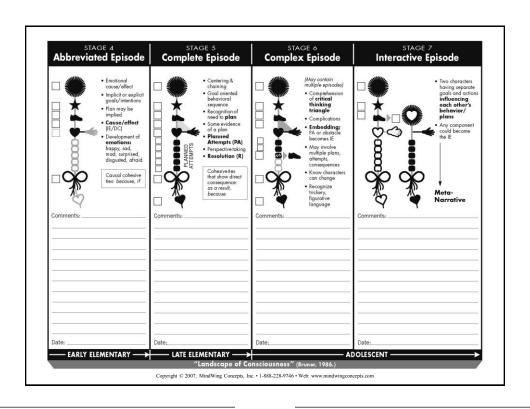
"But it's unfair," cried Fern. "The pig couldn't help being born small, could it? If I had been very small at birth, would you have killed me?"

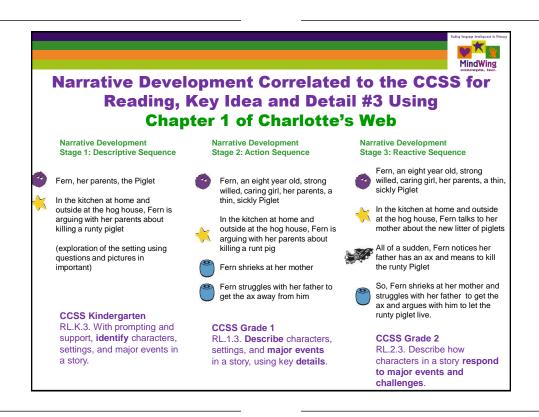
Mr. Arable smiled. "Certainly not," he said, looking down at his daughter with love. "But this is different. A little girl is one thing, a little runty pig is another."

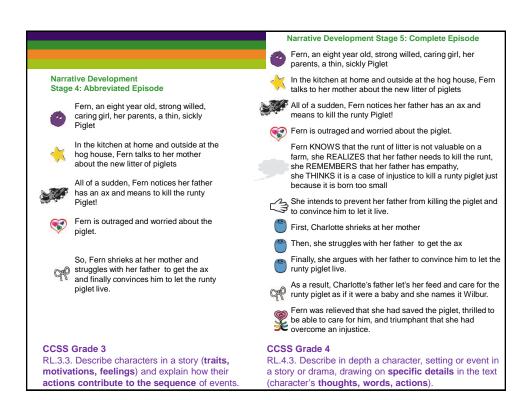
"I see no difference," replied Fern, still hanging on to the ax. "This is the most terrible case of injustice I ever heard of."

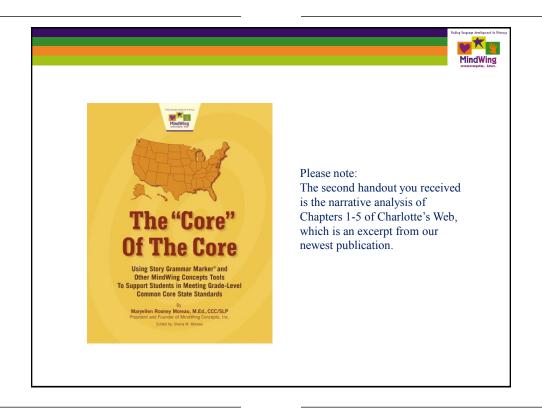


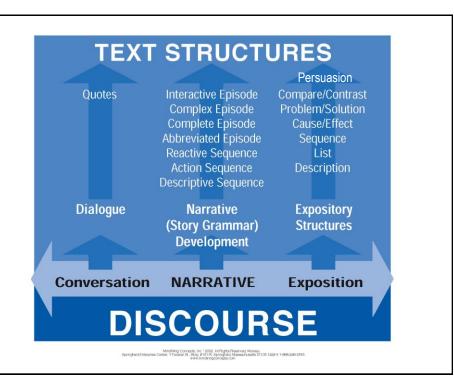








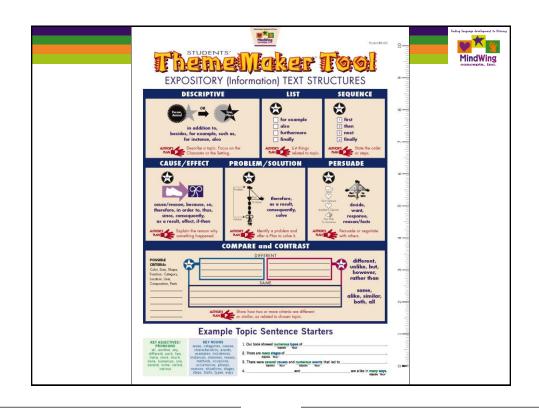






"Because expository texts are the primary means for acquiring academic and schooled knowledge, students' failure to understand and learn from expository texts can create a <u>cumulative knowledge</u> <u>deficit</u> as children progress through schools."

Improving Comprehension Instruction: Rethinking Research, Theory, and Classroom Practice. Edited By. Cathy Collins Block, Linda B. Gambrell and Michael Pressley. ISBN: 0-87207-458-7





As the curriculum becomes more complex... EXPOSITORY TEXT TERMINOLOGY BECOMES MORE...

TECHNICAL ABSTRACT DENSE COMPLEX ALIENATING

Technical Vocabulary Embedded Clauses

Fang, Z., and Schlippegrell, M. (2010). Disciplinary Literacies
Across Content Areas: Supporting Secondary Reading Through
Functional Language Analysis. *Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy* 53(7). International Reading
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Disciplinary Literacy



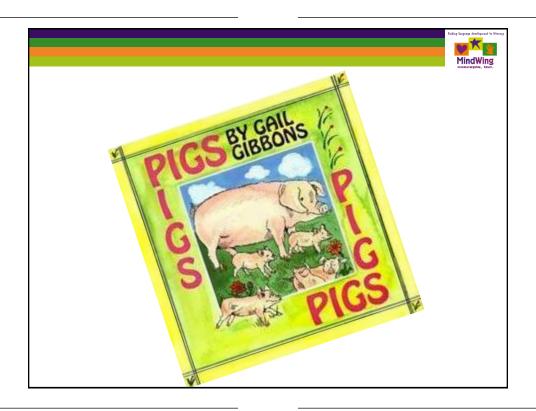
There is a new research focus called Disciplinary Literacy which studies how the authors present information depending on their area of study (ex. Scientists write about science, historians write about history, etc. and each uses a different type of writing). What is studied is the type of text, vocabulary, sentence structure of a particular discipline.

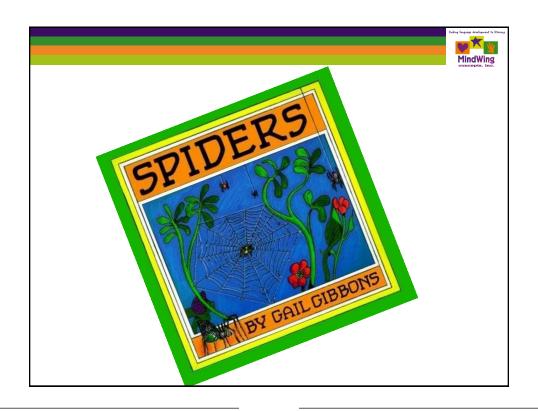
Disciplinary Literacy includes literacy skills specialized to:

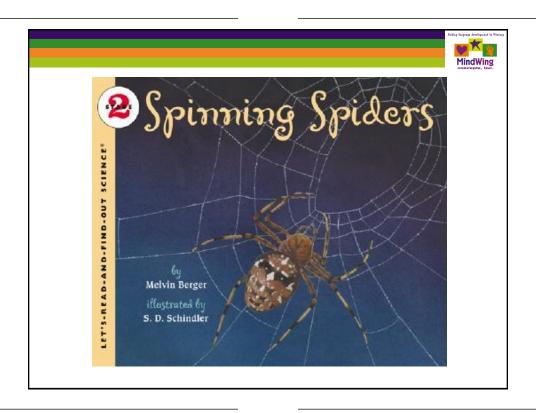
- History
- Science
- Mathematics
- Literature

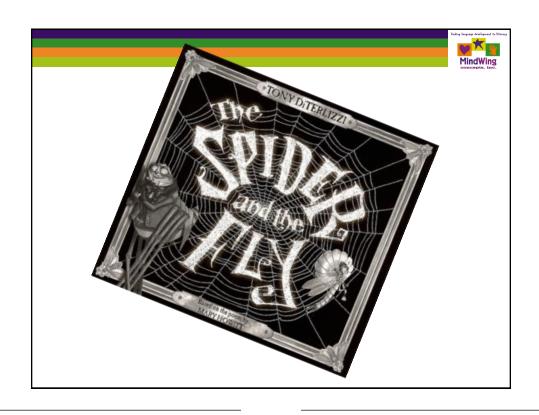
or other subject matter (such as astronomy or the study of DNA).

(See references for Fang and Shanahan & Shanahan)











English Language Arts Standards » Reading: Informational Text - Grade 5

Craft and Structure

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.5.4

Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a *grade 5 topic or subject area*.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.5.5

Compare and contrast the overall structure (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in two or more texts.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.5.6

Analyze multiple accounts of the same event or topic, noting important similarities and differences in the point of view they represent.



Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.5.7

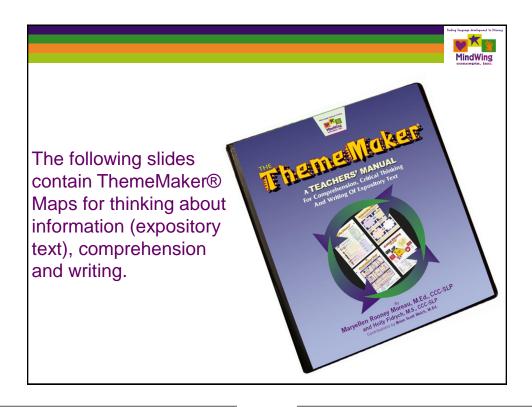
Draw on information from multiple print or digital sources, demonstrating the ability to locate an answer to a question quickly or to solve a problem efficiently.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.5.8

Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text, identifying which reasons and evidence support which point(s).

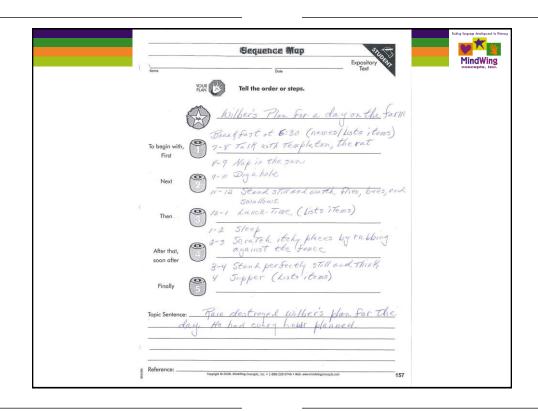
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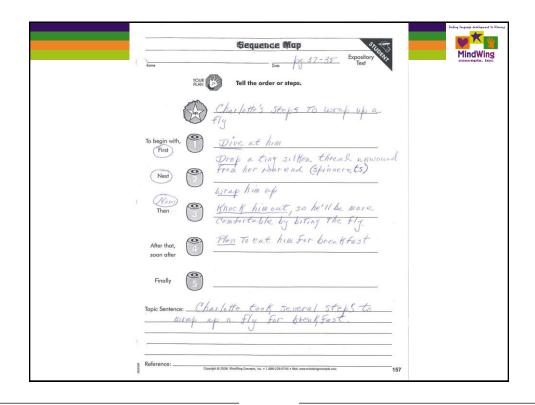
Integrate information from several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably.

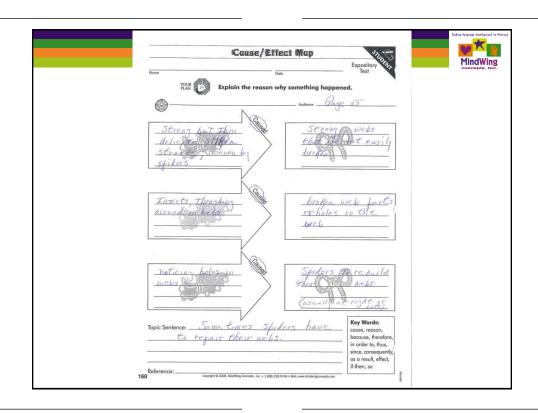


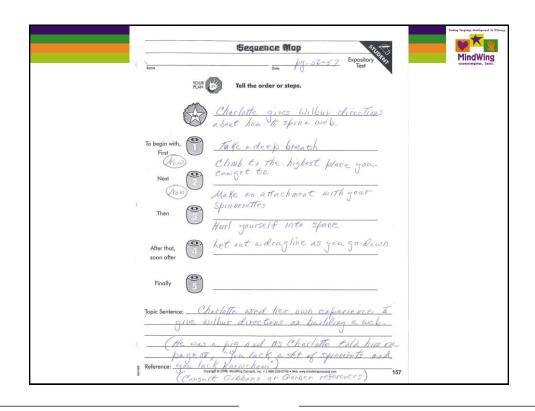


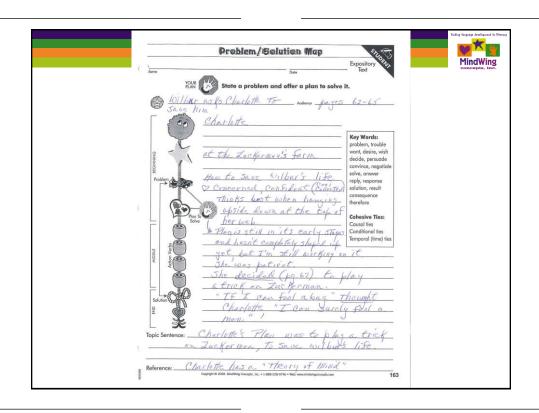
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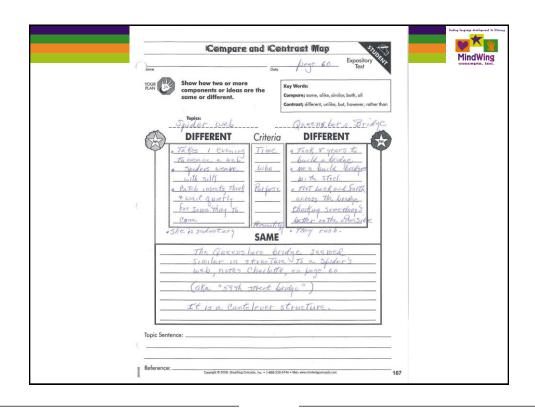


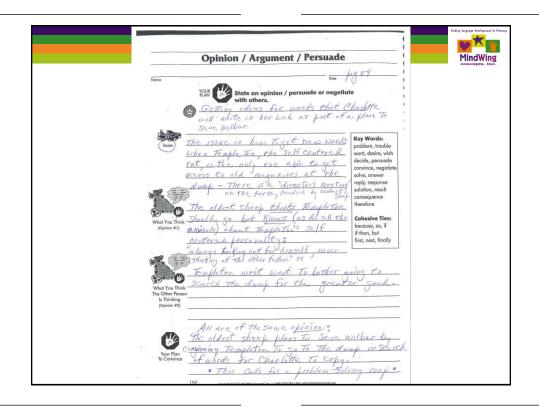


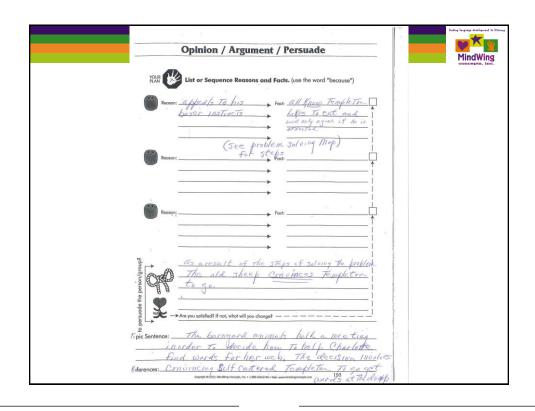


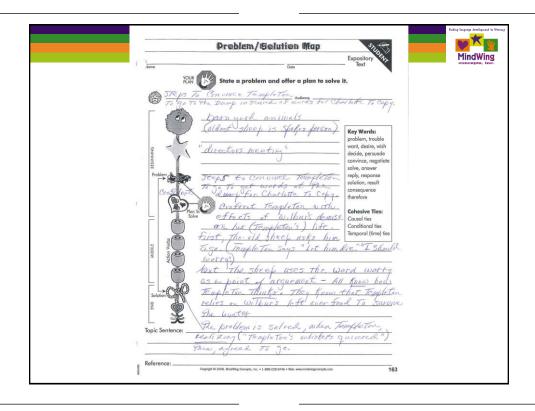






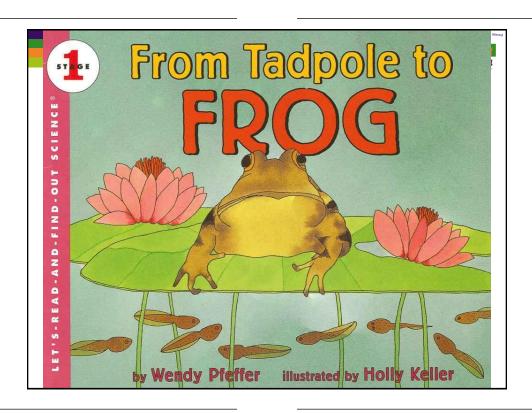


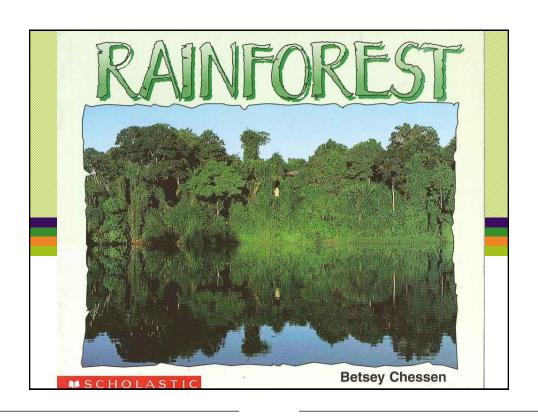


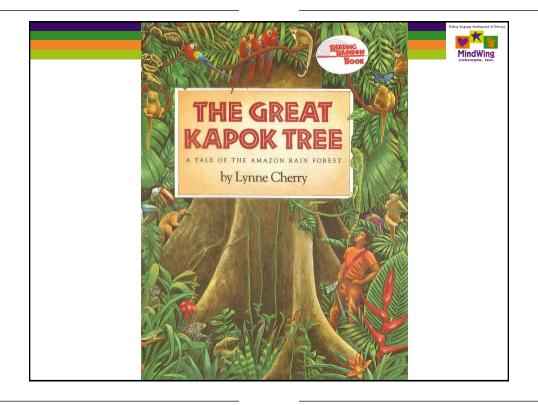


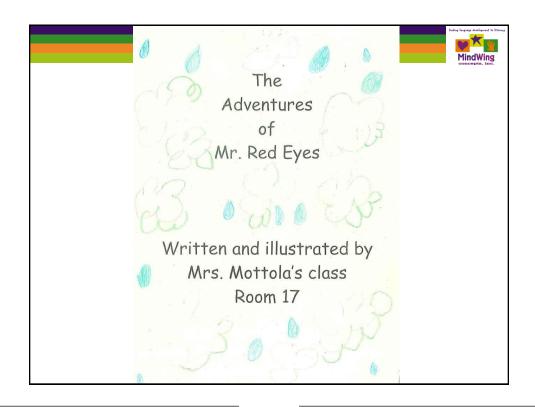


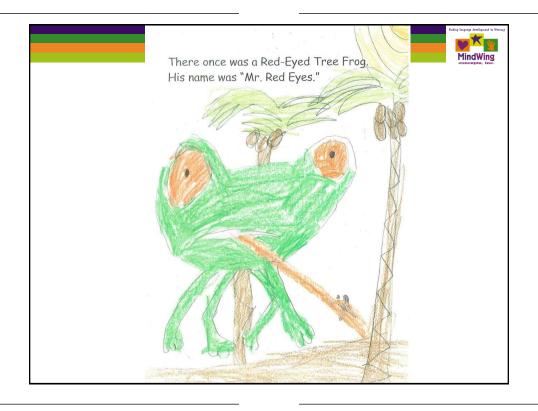
A Classroom Writing Lesson and Activity Integrating Narrative & Expository Text



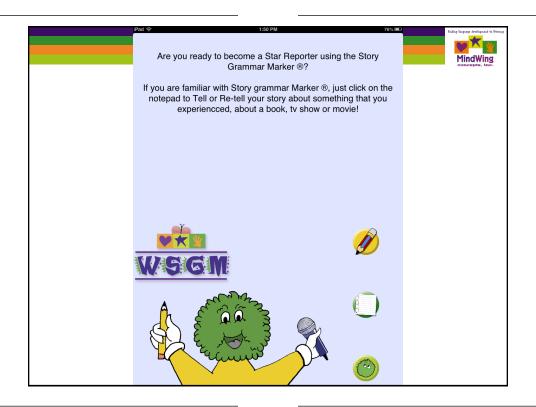


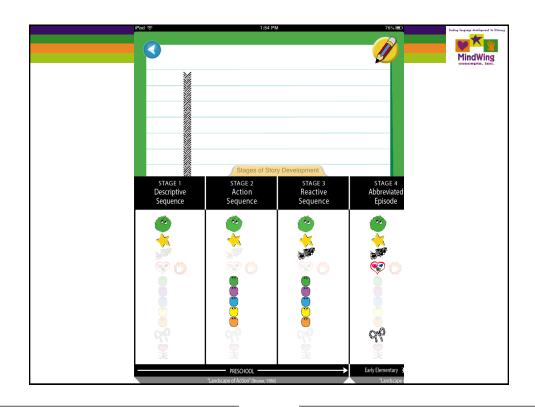




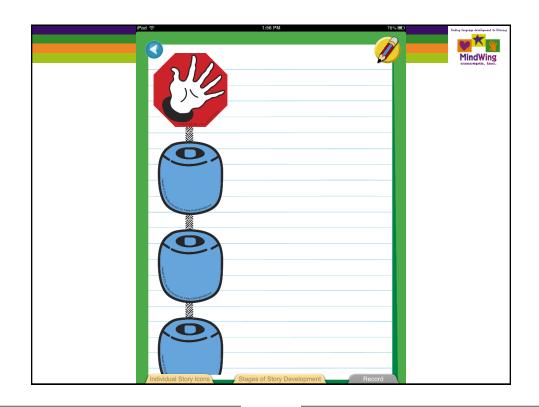


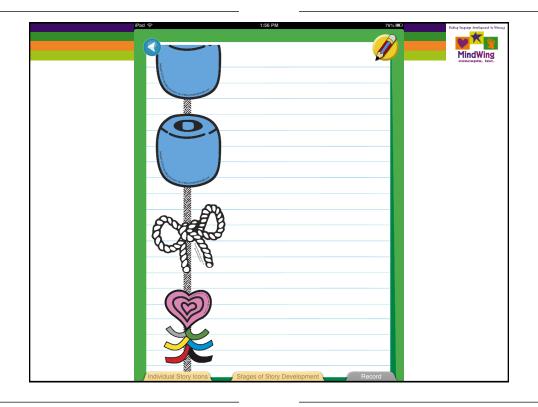


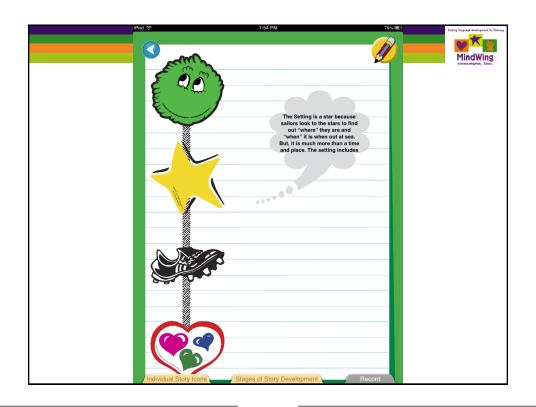










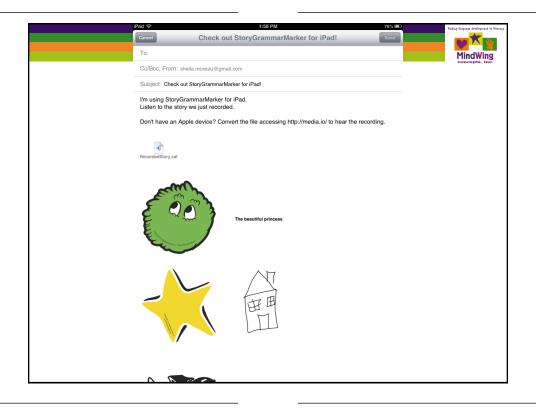














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