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Hello!

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The Evolution of Reading
The most technologically efficient machine that man has ever created is the book.

~Northrop Frye
Books are no more threatened by Kindle than stairs by elevators.

~Stephen Fry
Children are like wet cement. Whatever falls on them makes an impression.

~Dr. Haim Ginott
Technology Tasks vs True Integration
My paperless language arts class...

- NO copies!
- NO papers to take home
- NO lost work
- A LOT of creativity
- A LOT of collaboration
- A LOT of student products
- A LOT of reading and writing
- A LOT of student engagement
- A LOT of fun!
My Language Arts Class in Action❤️
Dear Ms. Bradford,

Thank you for being a great reader and not making us stressed out. Your classes were fun especially when we wrote stories. We like how you adapt your lessons to make it more fun for us. We will miss you!

From Your Child, Classmates,

[Handwritten text]

Thank you for being the best teacher I've ever had.

[Handwritten text]

Paulina

Dear Mr. Bradford,

I would like to thank you for an awesome year in 5th Grade. From my excellent story

to my fabulous math, science, and social studies class, you have been very supportive of me throughout the year. You made the learning experience fun, interactive, and educational. Your confidence and skills have inspired me, and I will continue to be accomplished as much as you. As a class, this year we tackled a whole lot of old English, wrote an original story, traveled back in time to learn about the Civil War, and even created our own books. Thank you for your hard work and making learning fun.

Ms. Bradford,

[Handwritten note]

Thank you for being a great teacher and making learning fun.

[Handwritten note]

You mean the world to us.

[Handwritten note]

Sincerely,

[Handwritten note]

[Handwritten note]

[Handwritten note]

[Handwritten note]
Let’s get started!
Reading Comprehension Student Products
Reading Comprehension
Strategies That We’ll Cover:

● Main Idea and Details
● Summarizing
● Sequencing
● Cause and Effect
● Story Elements
● Character and Theme Analysis
● And MORE!
Scenario: Genre Reading Challenge

- Genre Reading Challenge
- Badge Activity Guidelines
- ELA Badges
- Printed Challenge Board
How I Manage Digital Badges

- Google Drawings
- Badge Template
- Badge Request Submission
- My Process for Organizing Student Badges
Infographics with Piktochart and Canva

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Plot Charts with Google Drawings

Beastly Bones
Plot Chart

1. Exposition

Characteristics:
- In Gad’s valley, a small farming town outside of a New England port town
- A giant animal is discovered with bones at a dig site in Gad’s Valley
- Ms. Abigail Rook, and her employer, R.F. Jackaby are detectives on the case to find out what is killing people in Gad’s valley
- Ms. Rook is a young woman who is the assistant to detective and seer, R.F. Jackaby
- It is set in the New England colony, thus making it historical fiction

2. Inciting Incident

Characteristics:
- Bones are taken from a dig site of a giant animal
- There are mysterious deaths in Gad’s Valley, and not of natural causes

3. Rising Action

Characteristics:
- There are two men who are fighting over who’s in charge of the dig site
- A reporter sneaks into the site to take pictures
- Ms. Rook and Jackaby find tracks of an animal
- There are dragon scales, and dragon footprints and Jackaby is very excited because he thought that dragons are extinct

4. Climax

Characteristics:
- Ms. Rook and Jackaby find out that the bones are from a dragon
- The dragon kills and eats a kid (a goat baby), it destroys the farms and crops in the valley
- The dragon kills a reporter

5. Falling Action

Characteristics:
- Ms. Rook and Jackaby fight against the dragon
- Jackaby’s friend has his hand bitten off by the dragon
- Jackaby’s friend is brought to the hospital

6. Resolution/Denouement

Characteristics:
- Ms. Rook and Jackaby kill the shapeshifter
- They get on the train, and Ms. Rook kisses Charlie
- Jackaby’s friend gets a hook for a hand, and Ms. Rook gets a slash on the cheek
Or, have students design their own!
The Ransom of Red Chief

Exposition
The story takes place in a cave near a little town called Summit. The story starts out when Bill and Sam scheme to kidnap boy for ransom because of his wealthy father, Ebenizer Dorset. The freckled boy was 10 years old, with the name of Johnny.

Inciting Incident
The incident that triggers the conflict is when Bill and Sam kidnap Johnny.

Rising Action
Sam and Bill write a ransom note to Johnny's father. Sam goes to town to send the ransom note while Johnny and Bill start playing black scout.

Falling Action
Ebenizer Dorset makes a counter-proposition with Sam and Bill. He tells them to drop his son at home and pay him $250 cash. In exchange Ebenizer would take his troublesome son off their hands.

Climax
Bill tries to send Johnny home because he had enough of his tantrums but Johnny just followed him back into the cave.

Resolution
Sam and Bill return Johnny to his father and leave town as fast as possible.

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Book Trailers with Animoto and iMovie

Ex #1

Ex #2

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Character Analysis

with Thinglink

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iPad App

Ex #1  Ex #2
Make your own character traits

Thinglink and

SHARE!

Check out the responses!
Summarizing and Book Reviews

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with Voki

iPad App

Ex #1

Ex #2
Theme Interpretation with Videos
More Reading Comprehension with Google Drawings
More Graphic Organizers with Google Drawings

- Cause and Effect
- Main Idea and Details
- KWL Chart
- Sequencing
- Vocabulary
- More!

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More Awesome Tech Ideas to Support Reading Comprehension
Vocabulary Study with Google Slides

Example

How-To
Book Talks

with Padlet

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iPad App

Example

Templates
Make Your Own Reading Passages with Insert Learning

Example

4 Ideas

Lesson Bank

Product Support

Find an Article

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Let's try it!
Give Every Student a Voice with Flipgrid

- Ideas
- Examples
- eBook
- Tutorial #1
- Tutorial #2
Memes!
Why use memes?

- Visuals create connections
- Increases engagement
- Builds relationships
- Supports critical thinking
- Because we love them!
My Student Vocabulary Meme Winners

Vocabulary

I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THAT
THERE IS AN IMPERIOUS LEADER

EXCUSE ME...
COULD I TROUBLE YOU FOR SOME BEE REPELLENT?

Character Analysis

LADY MACBETH
MORE LIKE LADY MACDEATH

Making Predictions
I Also Use Memes for Ice Breakers

ASSIGNS LOTS OF READING ASSIGNMENTS

DOESN'T POST THEM UNTIL NIGHT BEFORE THEY'RE DUE

FORGOT TO SEE IF THERE WAS ANY HOMEWORK DUE OVER THE BREAK

AND AT THIS POINT, I'M TOO AFRAID TO CHECK

AND THEN I SAID...

"THE TESTS WILL LOOK JUST LIKE WHAT WE'VE COVERED IN LECTURE!"
And,
Classroom
Rules

WHAT I LOOK LIKE

WHY WOULD YOU DO THE
THING

IF YOU'RE TALKING
WHILE I'M TALKING

I'M NOT ABSENT EVERY
DAY

BUT WHEN I AM, I GET MY
MAKE UP WORK THE NEXT
DAY
And Then This Happened...
Do YOU want to make a meme?
Let’s do it!
How About Something Else Fun, Like...

EMOJIS!!
Ways to Use Emojis in Reading

- Take your students’ “temperature” about a story
- Make an emoji word cloud about class readings
- Identify confusing words with 🤔
- Have 🤓 📚 an emoji story to critical 😞
My go to resource for emojis

***Mac emoji keyboard shortcut: Ctrl+Cmd+Space***
Let’s make an emoji word cloud!
If You’ve Got Youtube...
Have students create their own online audio books for Youtube!

Record your screen and voice to create online lessons with SCREENCASTIFY.

Get sneaky and download Youtube videos for school with KEEPVID.
You Don’t Have to Be an Expert if You Leverage the Power of...
How Do You Manage it All?
Useful Apps & Extensions

***Post self-guided reading lessons, content videos, tutorials, and MORE

***Keep important docs, like reading lists and a library checkout in the ‘Material’ section

How it works!
### Digital Choice Boards

#### Get a Tic Tac Toe!

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Google Sites

Because I have a paperless classroom and don’t want to print anything out, I use Google Sites for student portfolios so that parents can view student work.
Application ideas? Next steps?
Thank you for coming!

Any questions?

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