

21st Century Lesson

Grade: 3- 5

Unit: Storybird narrative story writing

Driving Question: Do you love reading picture books? Do pictures tell a story?

EAL goals:

- Narrative writing
- Present or past tense grammar focus
- Sentence structure
- Verb agreement
- Oral story telling

Expected Time: Three EAL support sessions

Resources:

Picture book of teacher's choice.

Collection of picture books with only illustrations.

Story Map 1: http://www.readingrockets.org/pdfs/storymap_simple2.pdf

Story Map 2: http://www.readingrockets.org/pdfs/storymap_complex.pdf

Storybird: <http://www.storybird.com>

A good teacher resource from edublogs:

<http://techtutorials.edublogs.org/2011/09/05/storybird/>

Lesson Procedure: Lesson One

Teacher does (I Do): 30 minutes

- Teacher will show the students a picture book without revealing the text. As we are looking at the pictures, ask students questions about the story that is happening:

How does the story start (beginning)?

Who is in the story (characters)?

Where is the story happening (setting)?

Is there a problem (conflict)?

What is the most exciting part of the story (climax)?

21st century skills

- find, validate
- remember, understand
- collaborate, communicate
- analyze, synthesize
- critical thinking
- evaluate, leverage
- create, publish
- citizenship

<p>What is happening in the story as I turn the pages (plot)? How does the story finish (resolution)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now teacher reads the story to the students. When finished reading, look at the text on each page and discuss how it relates (or doesn't relate) to the picture. 	
<p>Individual student work (You Do): 30 minutes</p> <p>Students look at the collection of picture books (that do not have words) and choose one of their favourites. They will use the story maps to map out the stories.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> find, validate <input type="checkbox"/> remember, understand <input type="checkbox"/> collaborate, communicate <input type="checkbox"/> analyze, synthesize <input type="checkbox"/> critical thinking <input type="checkbox"/> evaluate, leverage <input type="checkbox"/> create, publish <input type="checkbox"/> citizenship
<p>Class share (We Share): 10 minutes</p> <p>Students share their picture book with the group and tell the story of the pictures.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> find, validate <input type="checkbox"/> remember, understand <input type="checkbox"/> collaborate, communicate <input type="checkbox"/> analyze, synthesize <input type="checkbox"/> critical thinking <input type="checkbox"/> evaluate, leverage <input type="checkbox"/> create, publish <input type="checkbox"/> citizenship
<p>Lesson Wrap Up:</p> <p>Tell students that in the next lesson you will be showing them how to use Storybird to write a story using the computer.</p>	