

Exploring Literature Through Theme

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WebQuest Description: In this webquest, students will choose a theme in literature and find books related to that theme that they would like to read. Each student's list will be placed in a class binder for peers to reference when choosing literature.

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Introduction

Welcome to the Exploring Literature webquest. We have spent most of the year reading literature that was chosen by the teachers. Now, it is your turn!! You will embark on a journey to explore theme and find books that are related to the theme you choose. Your task is to create a list of four books you would like to read or think your classmates would like to read. We will put everyone's list in a binder so that we can easily find a new and exciting book to read. It is very important that you follow all of the directions. This assignment is going to require you to EXPLORE. This means that you will need to be very nosy and look all around the websites I send you to. You never know what you will find.

Tasks

After reviewing what theme is and how to find it, you will begin your exploration. You will visit websites and search for books related to the theme you choose. As you explore, collect titles (and the author) of books you think you or your classmates would like to read. You will need to also create a brief description of each book you collect. When you are done you will need to create a list of the titles/authors to share with your classmates. You will put your description under each title. You will be graded on the list of books you provide.

Process

1- Review theme. 2- Print the handout- Books I Would Like to Read. 3- Choose your theme from the list on the sheet. 4- Explore the different websites listed. 5- Create a list of 4 books related to your theme that you would like to read.

Evaluation

Your list will be graded according to the rubric below.

Category and Score	Needs Improvement	Satisfactory	Excellent		Score
Title/Author	Title/Author is incomplete or missing.		Title/Author are complete		
Theme	Student did not select a theme		Student selected a theme		
Brief Description of Book	The description does not give enough information to the reader. The description does not demonstrate the theme selected.	The description gives the reader enough information on the book but may not effectively demonstrate the theme selected.	The description is well thought out and gives the reader insight into the book. The description accurately demonstrates the theme selected.		

Category and Score	Needs Improvement	Satisfactory	Excellent		Score
				Total Score	

Conclusion

Congratulations! You have finished exploring some literature that I hope you will read. Please turn in your list for grading.

Teacher Page

This assignment is intended to help middle school students read about different books and create a list of books they would like to read. It is my hope that students will come across literature that interests them. I teach students who read below grade level and/or do not enjoy reading. Independent reading is a huge struggle for them. This Web Quest is designed to, if nothing else, show them that there is literature out there that they may possibly enjoy.I will take each student's list and put it in a classroom binder where their peers can also see what they found. The next time someone doesn't know what they want to read about, they can go to the binder and browse. Even though all of the books may not be housed in our school library, students will be encouraged to seek out their choice at the local library or book store.

Reviews

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