

Response
To
Literature

Kindergarten



**CONNECTIONS TO TEXT RUBRIC
for
KINDERGARTEN**

Text-to-Self

3	2	1
I made a clear connection to my own life and supported it with examples.	I made a clear connection to my own life. No examples.	I did not make a clear connection to my own life.

Retelling Rubric

3	2	1
Story Events		
I sequence most/all of the story events when retelling a story.	I sequence most of the story events when retelling a story.	I sequenced a few of the story events when retelling a story.
Good Beginnings		
I used a good beginning like one of the samples. Ex. "When I was small ..."	I used a beginning.	My beginning was confusing.
Transitional Words		
I used transitional words appropriately when retelling a story.	I used transitional words when retelling a story.	I used a transitional word repetitively when retelling a story.



Evaluation Rubric

3	2	1
1 book		
I told if I liked/disliked the book and my reason was very clear.	I told if I liked/disliked the book and my reason was not clear.	I told if I liked/disliked the book but didn't have a reason.
2 or more books		
I told why I liked some books and how they were connected to each other and why the connection was important to me.	I told why I liked some books and how they were connected to each other.	I told why I liked some books and couldn't explain how they were connected to each other.



KINDERGARTEN - TEACHER VISION STATEMENT

Students will develop an understanding of a variety of ways to respond to text.

Implicit Beliefs

- ❖ There are a variety of ways to respond to text.
- ❖ Prior knowledge can be used to make connections to a text.
- ❖ Students naturally react to, evaluate, and interpret texts.
- ❖ In order for a retelling to be coherent, it must follow the sequence of the story.

Time

Students write at least four days a week, and classroom rituals and routines are built around the writing workshop. The format of the workshop is as follows:

Writing Workshop:

Mini-lesson
7-10 minutes

Work time and teacher conferencing
25+ minutes

Closure
5-10 minutes

*****In the beginning of the year the work time in kindergarten may be adjusted to meet the needs of the students' attention span.

Techniques (Key Ideas) Defined

- ❖ **Retelling:** Telling the story again in their own words, stressing the beginning, middle and end.
- ❖ **Evaluation:** Making a personal comment and/or recommendation of a text.
- ❖ **Text-to-self connection:** Making a personal connection, usually in the form of a memory, to a text. (This book reminds me of ...**because** ...)
- ❖ **Text-to-text connection:** Finding common features in two or more books, such as genre, characters, theme, feelings, plot, etc. (This book is like _____ **because** ...)
- ❖ **Text-to-world connection:** Finding big ideas or themes in a text that relate to the real world. (This book is like.../reminds me of...**because**...)
- ❖ **Transitioning:** Using language that moves the story from the beginning to the middle to the end.



Yearlong Resources

Children's Literature

When I Was Little by Jamie Lee Curtis
Arthur's Honey Bear by Lillian Hoban
The Three Little Pigs by Paul Galdone
Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten by Joseph Slate
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Parts by Tedd Arnold
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst
Jillian Jiggs by Phoebe Gilman
Today I Feel Silly by Jamie Lee Curtis
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Jaffe Numeroff
If You Give a Moose a Muffin by Laura Jaffe Numeroff
If You Give a Pig a Pancake by Laura Jaffe Numeroff
Koala Lou by Mem Fox
Koalas by Gail Saunders-Smith
Mouse Mess by Linnea Riley
Owen by Kevin Henkes
Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus

Professional Resources

Pathways: Total Literacy for All Learners by Michael Sampson
Teaching the Youngest Writers by Marcia S. Freeman
Building a Writing Community by Marcia S. Freeman
Craft Lessons: Teaching Writing K-8 by Ralph Fletcher and Joanne Portalupi

Touchstone Texts

When I Was Little by Jamie Lee Curtis
Arthur's Honey Bear by Lillian Hoban
The Three Little Pigs by Paul Galdone
Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten by Joseph Slate
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst
Papa, please get the moon for me by Eric Carle

Mentor Resources

www.readingrainbow.com
www.bookhive.org/bookhive.htm
"Highlights for Children"
student work can be used as a mentor to help other students
writing samples from the Primary Literacy Standards



Model/Mentor Texts

When I Was Little by Jamie Lee Curtis

Arthur's Honey Bear by Lillian Hoban

The Three Little Pigs by Paul Galdone

Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten by Joseph Slate

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst

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Genre Study

Responding to Literature

Background Information

This study will focus on teaching students different ways to respond to a text. Students will be encouraged to retell a text, evaluate a text, and make text connections. Students will produce a retelling that shows sequence, a response that makes a text connection, and an evaluation of one or more texts. This study teaches the use of sequence, transition language, text connections, and evaluation of texts.

Teaching Objectives

Students will develop knowledge of:

- ❖ retelling a story using sequence
- ❖ making text-to-self connections, text-to-text connections (optional: text-to-world connections)
- ❖ making transitions between the beginning, middle and end of a story
- ❖ evaluating one or more texts

Reasons for the Focus on Responding to Literature

- ❖ It encourages students to focus on the salient features of a text.
- ❖ It provides students with a way to share personal opinions of and connections to a text.
- ❖ It teaches students to use background knowledge as a way of understanding a text.
- ❖ It teaches students to make links from one text to another.

Assignment Sequence

Week One:

Retelling a story; including the beginning, middle, and end; evaluating a text

Week Two:

Making text-to-self connections; using text-to-self connections in the evaluation of a text

Week Three:

Using author's craft or language in a beginning or ending; using transitions to sequence a story; building a rubric

Week Four:

Making text-to-text connections; comparing and evaluating 2 or more texts

Week Five (optional):

Making text-to-world connections



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How Stories Are Organized
Week 1 – Day 1

Mini-Lesson Goal

When retelling a story you must include important events from the story in sequence.

TEKS:

L&S:K.1A,B,D,E;K.2A;K.3A,B,C,D;K.4B,D;R&VK.8BK.9A,B,C;RR:K.10A,B,C,D;RTSLC:K.11B;
RC:K.13A;WCK.15B,C,D,E.

Materials Needed

Photocopies of the illustrations in the story

Drawing paper

Broad-tip markers

One book with clear events

Large sheet of butcher paper for placing the photocopies of illustrations

Before the Lesson

Read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* two or three times. Have copies of each page of the story available for use in the lesson.

Mini-Lesson

Connection

Use *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* to model to students the organization of a story.

Teach

Use the copies of the illustrations from the story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and pass one to each child. As the teacher reads the story the children place the appropriate illustration in order from beginning to end. After reading and compiling the illustrations, explain to the students how the organization of a story helps the reader be able to understand it.

Active Involvement

The students will come up the front to place their illustration in the proper place to retell the story.

(Active involvement occurs at the end of the mini lesson and should only last three minutes at most. It must not be a prolonged time.)

Link

Send students off to draw and write the illustration they were responsible for sequencing at the carpet.

Writing time / Conferring Time

As you circulate the room, monitor the students that they are drawing the assigned illustration.

Closing

Gather all students in the gathering area. Have the students retell the story again using their own illustrations.

****** Note to teacher:** Collect all of the students' illustrations and bind into a class book.



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Beginning, middle and end

Week 1 – Days 2, 3

Mini-Lesson Goal

The intent of this lesson is to identify the beginning, middle and end of a story. The beginning of a story initiates a sequence of events (the story line) and includes the lead. The middle of a story details the “heart” of what happens. The end of the story brings closure and often serves to resolve issues and tie up loose ends.

TEKS:

L&S:K.1A,B,D,E;K.2A;K.3A,B,C,D;K.4B,D;R&VK.8BK.9A,B,C;RR:K.10A,B,C,D;RTSLC:K.11B;
RC:K.13A;WCK.15B,C,D,E.

Materials Needed

Broad-tip markers

Two book suggestions: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* day 2; *Where The Wild Things Are* day 3

Photocopies of the illustrations in the story

Large sheet of butcher paper divided into three sections:

Beginning

Middle

End

Before the Lesson

Read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* two or three times.

Mini-Lesson

Connection

Relate to the class that in the organization of a story there must be a beginning, middle and end.

Teach

Model beginning, middle, and end using a graphic organizer to place the photocopies from the book in the proper order. Use the text *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Conduct a picture walk using the book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Tell students to be thinking about what they would include in a retelling as the beginning, middle and end parts of the story.

Active Involvement

When you have finished ask the students to turn and share with a partner the parts they think were the beginning, middle and end of the story. Then invite students to share with you.

Link

Send students off to write, giving them a graphic organizer. Tell them to retell *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* using the graphic organizer so they are sure to include the beginning, middle and end.

Writing time / Conferring Time

As you circulate the room, look for students who have successfully completed the graphic organizer to include beginning, middle and end. Ask them to share their graphic organizer with the class.



Closing

Gather all students in the gathering area. Have the students you have identified share their graphic organizer with the whole group. After sharing remind students that stories do not make sense unless they include the beginning, middle and end.



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Evaluating a text

Week 1 – Day 4

Mini lesson goal

Students are to tell whether they like or dislike a story with support for their claim.

TEKS:

L&S:K.1A,B,D,E;K.2A;K.3A,B,C,D;K.4B,D;R&VK.8BK.9A,B,C;RR:K.10A,B,C,D;RTSLC:K.11B;
RC:K.13A;WCK.15B,C,D,E.

Materials Needed

Chart tablet/markers

Book suggestions: *Where The Wild Things Are*
The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Before the Lesson

Students must be familiar with the text chosen to evaluate.

Mini Lesson

Connection

Use a chart tablet to model the likes or dislikes of a text.

Teach

Start by creating a graph that reflects how many students like and how many students dislike the text. On a different piece of chart paper model what is liked about the book with a picture and sentence.

Active Involvement

Based on the book the students select as the one they like best, have them turn to a partner and share what book they like the best and why.

Link

Send students off to draw their favorite part of the book they like. An alternative is to have them draw the part of the book they didn't like.

Writing time/Conferring time

As you circulate the room, monitor that students are following the directions given on the carpet. Select some students who are drawing a part of the book they liked. If some students are trying to write words with their pictures, be sure to include these students during sharing time.

Closure

Gather all students in the gathering area. Have the students retell the story again using their own illustrations.

***** **Note to teacher:** An extension suggestion is to have the students draw a picture about a part of a book they did not like.



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Text-to-self connections

Week 2 – Day 1, 2, 3

Mini Lesson Goal

Students will understand the importance of making a personal connection to text.

TEKS:

L&S:K.1A,B,D,E;K.2A;K.3A,B,C,D;K.4B,D;R&VK.8BK.9A,B,C;RR:K.10A,B,C,D;RTSLC:K.11B;
RC:K.13A;WCK.15B,C,D,E.

Materials Needed

Book suggestions:

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst

Parts by Tedd Arnold

Jillian Jiggs by Phoebe Gilman

Chart tablet/markers

Before the Lesson

Be sure the students are familiar with the text.

Mini Lesson

Connection

Use the selected text to model how to make a personal connection to the text.

Teach

Use the selected text to relate to the students a personal connection to the text. Demonstrate by writing what the story brings to mind. Share what comes to mind as the story is read. Tell the students it is important to make those connections so the understanding/comprehension is solid. This is crucial for good comprehension.

Active Involvement

Have the students turn to a partner and share what personal connection they made to the text with the justification. (why or how)

Writing time/Conferring time

The teacher circulates the room monitoring/helping the students with their personal connections. Select those students who have been following the directions and have good representations of personal connections.

Closing

Gather all students in the gathering area. Have the students share their personal connections to the text.



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Text-to-self connection with an evaluation

Week 2 – Day 4

Mini Lesson Goal

Students will make a personal connection to a text and make a recommendation with justification about the text (make an evaluation of the text).

TEKS:

L&S:K.1A,B,D,E;K.2A;K.3A,B,C,D;K.4B,D;R&VK.8BK.9A,B,C;RR:K.10A,B,C,D;RTSLC:K.11B;RC:K.13A;WCK.15B,C,D,E.

Materials Needed

Book suggestions:

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst

Parts by Tedd Arnold

Jillian Jiggs by Phoebe Gilman

Chart tablet/markers

Before the Lesson

Be sure the students are familiar with the text.

Mini Lesson

Connection

Use the selected text to model how to make a recommendation with justification about the text (make an evaluation of the text). An evaluation is more than the student simply stating, “I like this book because it was funny.” Rather the student must state where in the text it was funny. The teacher must utilize critical questioning to elicit deeper responses from the students.

Example Questions:

Give me an example of a part of the book you thought was so funny?

Where else in the book is it funny?

Teach

Remind the students of the necessity for making a personal connection to a text. Refer to the model connections the teacher made in the previous lessons. Using one of texts from the previous lessons, model how to make a recommendation for the text. Write on the chart tablet how a recommendation includes a statement of like/dislike along with the justification for it (why).

Active Involvement

Instruct students to turn to a partner and tell what each likes/dislikes about the book.

Writing time/Conferring time

Using one of the personal connection drawings from Days 1, 2, 3, students are to add their like/dislike (evaluation) of the text. Students may choose to elaborate their drawings to include that part of the text they particularly liked/disliked. Teacher circulates the room to monitor/help students and to select those students who have followed the directions for sharing at the carpet.



Closing

Gather all students in the gathering area. Have selected students share their drawing evaluation.



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Good Beginnings

Week 3 – Days 1, 2, 3, 4

Mini Lesson Goal

Students will imitate the beginnings of four books to gain an understanding of the importance of a good beginning.

TEKS:

L&S:K.1A,B,D,E;K.2A;K.3A,B,C,D;K.4B,D;R&VK.8BK.9A,B,C;RR:K.10A,B,C,D;RTSLC:K.11B;RC:K.13A;WCK.15B,C,D,E.

Materials Needed

Book suggestions

Today I Feel Silly by Jamie Lee Curtis

When I Was Little by Jamie Lee Curtis

Arthur's Honey Bear by Lillian Hoban

Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten by Joseph Slate

Chart tablet/markers

Before the Lesson

Be sure the students are familiar with all four texts before beginning the lesson.

Mini Lesson

Connection

Use the selected texts to model how to begin a story.

Teach

Choose one text for each day and read only the first page of the story. Discuss how the author began the story. Ask students to offer alternative choices similar to the author's and model one choice on the chart tablet as a possible drawing to be done during Writing Time.

Example text:

Today I Feel Silly by Jamie Lee Curtis

"Today I feel silly." Taken from the text.

"Today I feel ____." (angry)

"Today I feel ____." (sad)

"Today I feel ____." (mean)

"Today I feel ____." (happy)

"Today I feel ____." (funny)

Example text:

When I Was Little by Jamie Lee Curtis

"When I was little, I was a baby." Taken from text.

"When I was small, ____" (I drank a bottle.)

"When I was small, ____" (I crawled.)

"When I was small, ____" (my mom carried me)

"When I was small, ____" (I had a night light.)

"When I was small, ____" (I ate in a high chair.)

Example text:

Arthur's Honey Bear by Lillian Hoban

"It was spring cleaning day."

"It was _____ day." (grocery)

"It was _____ day." (shopping)

"It was _____ day." (my birthday)



“It was _____ day.” (laundry)

“It was _____ day.” (field trip day)

Example text:

Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten by Joseph Slate

“It is the first day of kindergarten, and – oh, oh, oh!”

“It is the first day of _____, and – oh, oh, oh!” (school)

“It is the first day of _____, and – oh, oh, oh!” (summer)

“It is the first day of _____, and – oh, oh, oh!” (vacation)

Active Involvement

Each day students turn to a partner and share the selection from the chart tablet they want to draw.

Writing time/Conferring time

Each day students are to draw their selection using that day’s chart. As the students work, the teacher circulates to monitor/help students. The teacher selects those students who present a good example of the day’s lesson.

Closing

Gather all students to the gathering area. Have the students share their beginnings.



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Text-to-Text Connections

Week 4 – Days 1, 2, 3

Mini Lesson Goal

Students will understand the importance of making connections from one text to another.

TEKS:

L&S:K.1A,B,D,E;K.2A;K.3A,B,C,D;K.4B,D;R&VK.8BK.9A,B,C;RR:K.10A,B,C,D;RTSLC:K.11B;RC:K.13A;WCK.15B,C,D,E.

Materials Needed

Book Suggestions:

Koala Lou by Mem Fox

Fiction text

Koalas by Gail Saunders-Smith

Informational text

Mouse Mess by Linnea Riley

Fiction text (mouse theme)

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Joffe Numeroff

Fiction text (mouse theme)

Owen by Kevin Henkes

Fiction text (mouse theme)

Mice and Beans by Pam Munoz Ryan

Fiction text (mouse theme)

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Joffe Numeroff

Fiction text (sequence theme)

If You Give a Moose a Muffin by Laura Joffe Numeroff

Fiction text (sequence theme)

If You Give a Pig a Pancake by Laura Joffe Numeroff

Fiction text (sequence theme)

Mice and Beans by Pam Munoz Ryan

Fiction text (sequence theme)

Chart tablet/markers

Before the Lesson

Be sure the students are familiar with the text.

Mini Lesson

Connection

Use the selected texts to model how to make connections between two or more texts on the same subject or written in the same genre or style.

Teach

Use the selected text to relate to the students a connection between two texts. Demonstrate by writing what the stories bring to mind. Share what comes to the mind as each story is read. Tell the students it is important to make those connections so the understanding/comprehension of the text is solid. This is crucial for good comprehension.

Active Involvement

Have the students turn to a partner and share what connections they made to the texts with a justification. (why or how)



Writing time/Conferring time

Students are to draw/write the connection between the two or more texts they noticed. The teacher circulates the room monitoring/helping the students with their text-to-text connections. Select those students who have been following the directions and have good representations of text-to-text connections.

Closing

Gather all students in the gathering area. Have the students share their text-to-text connections.



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 Text-to-Text Connections
 Week 4 – Day 4

Mini Lesson

Students will make a text-to-text connection to a text and make a recommendation with justification about the text (make an evaluation of the text). By reading more than one text on the same subject students will realize greater understanding is possible than by just reading one text on a subject. They will be able to recommend a series of texts on a related topic/teaching style based on the connections between the texts.

TEKS:

L&S:K.1A,B,D,E;K.2A;K.3A,B,C,D;K.4B,D;R&VK.8BK.9A,B,C;RR:K.10A,B,C,D;RTSLC:K.11B; RC:K.13A;WCK.15B,C,D,E.

Materials Needed:

Suggested books:

<i>Koala Lou</i> by Mem Fox	Fiction text	
<i>Koala for Katie</i> by Jonathan London	Fiction text	
<i>Koala Christmas</i> by Lisa Bassett	Fiction text	
<i>Koalas</i> by Gail Saunders-Smith	Informational text	
<i>Koalas</i> by Lynn Stone	Informational text	
<i>Koalas</i> by Patircia Hunt	Informational text	
<i>Koalas</i> by John Wexo	Informational text	
<i>Koalas</i> by Emilie Lepthien	Informational text	
<i>Koalas: Koala Magic for Kids</i> by Kathy Seeney	Informational text	
<i>Koalas of Australia</i> by Linda George	Informational text	
<i>Los Koalas</i> by Graham Meadows	Informational text	
<i>Mouse Mess</i> by Linnea Riley	Fiction text	(mouse theme)
<i>If You Give a Mouse a Cookie</i> by Laura Joffe Numeroff	Fiction text	(mouse theme)
<i>Owen</i> by Kevin Henkes	Fiction text	(mouse theme)
<i>Mice and Beans</i> by Pam Munoz Ryan (in english & spanish)	Fiction text	(mouse theme)
[some informational books on mice would also be good choices]		
<i>If You Give a Mouse a Cookie</i> by Laura Joffe Numeroff	Fiction text	(sequence theme)
<i>If You Give a Moose a Muffin</i> by Laura Joffe Numeroff	Fiction text	(sequence theme)
<i>If You Give a Pig a Pancake</i> by Laura Joffe Numeroff	Fiction text	(sequence theme)
<i>Mice and Beans</i> by Pam Munoz Ryan	Fiction text	(sequence theme)
(all of these titles are in english & spanish)		
Chart tablet/markers		

Before the Lesson

Be sure the students are familiar with the text (the texts need to be read mulitple times).



Mini Lesson

Connection

Use the selected text to model how to make a recommendation with justification about the text (make an evaluation of the text). An evaluation is more than the student simply stating, “I like these books because they are funny.” Rather the student must state how the books are connected and which ones were liked or disliked. The teacher must utilize critical questioning to elicit deeper responses from the students. The teacher must model how to state the evaluation.

Teach

Remind the students of the necessity for making text-to-text connections. Refer to the model connections the teacher made in the previous lessons. Using some of texts from the previous lessons, model how to make a recommendation for the texts. Write on the chart tablet how a recommendation includes a statement of like/dislike along with the justification for it (why).

Examples:

These books were all about koalas but I really liked *Koala Lou* and *Koala Christmas* **because** they were about families and I like books about families.

These books were all about koalas but I really liked the books that helped us learn more about koalas **because** I really like learning about animals.

Active Involvement

Instruct students to turn to a partner and tell what each likes/dislikes about the book.

Writing time/Conferring time

Using one of the text-to-text connection drawings from Days 1, 2, 3, students are to add their like/dislike (evaluation) of the text. Students need to draw a new picture to show the connection between the selected texts. Teacher circulates the room to monitor/help students and to select those students who have followed the directions for sharing at the carpet.



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Text-to-World connections
Week 5

An additional week spent on Response to Literature is left to the teacher's discretion. The lessons for this week would follow the format of weeks 2 and 4. From the books already used in this genre study, select those titles that would apply to a 'world' situation.

