

5th Grade Newspaper Editorial Rubric

This book presents an international perspective on environmental educational and specifically the influence that context has on this aspect of curriculum. The focus is on environmental education both formal and non formal and the factors that impact upon its effectiveness, particularly in non-Western and non-English-speaking contexts (i.e., outside the UK, USA, Australia, NZ, etc.).

Looking for innovative, successful, and engaging units to use in your gifted elementary classroom or pull-out program? Look no further than Units of Instruction, the latest in Prufrock's collection of easy-to-apply units for the classroom. Math, science, language arts, and social studies are included in this interdisciplinary program.

Presents a collection of resources for assessing student performance.

This book helps teachers reflect on practices that help students develop self-sufficiency, good work habits, self-motivation, resiliency, and critical thinking skills so they can learn independently.

Why do we need government? As we have seen, people in groups have always had some form of government. Without it, we would have chaos. We would have no system of transportation, no hospitals, no police to protect us, no help for the elderly or those who cannot care for themselves. Following are some of the sections we will cover in this book: Canada's Coat of Arms, the Queen, the Parliament Buildings, our Federal Government, Canadian symbols, the Cabinet, the Senate, the right to vote, the Electoral Process, etc. Some activities include; a mock election, newscasts, research project, etc.

Based on the best-selling book *The Parallel Curriculum*, this resource deepens teachers' understanding of how to use the Parallel Curriculum Model (PCM) to provide rigorous learning opportunities for students in science, grades 6-12. This collection of sample units and lessons within each unit were developed by experienced teachers and demonstrate what high-quality curriculum looks like within a PCM framework. Ideal for use with high-ability students, the units revolve around genetics, the convergence of science and society, the integration of English and Biology, and the Periodic Table. Lessons include pre- and post-assessments.

This challenging activity book addresses many essential skills and knowledge contained in the National Science Teachers Association standards. The activities are focused on the exciting environment of a coral reef, its inhabitants, and the ways these inhabitants have adapted to their world. Gifted and advanced learners in grades 2-3 are provided opportunities to take "real world" action to help protect the environment. Rubrics and answer keys are provided to help assess student work. Book jacket.

What is a rubric? A rubric is a coherent set of criteria for student work that describes levels of performance quality. Sounds simple enough, right?

Unfortunately, rubrics are commonly misunderstood and misused. The good

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news is that when rubrics are created and used correctly, they are strong tools that support and enhance classroom instruction and student learning. In this comprehensive guide, author Susan M. Brookhart identifies two essential components of effective rubrics: (1) criteria that relate to the learning (not the "tasks") that students are being asked to demonstrate and (2) clear descriptions of performance across a continuum of quality. She outlines the difference between various kinds of rubrics (for example, general versus task-specific, and analytic versus holistic), explains when using each type of rubric is appropriate, and highlights examples from all grade levels and assorted content areas. In addition, Brookhart addresses * Common misconceptions about rubrics; * Important differences between rubrics and other assessment tools such as checklists and rating scales, and when such alternatives can be useful; and * How to use rubrics for formative assessment and grading, including standards-based grading and report card grades. Intended for educators who are already familiar with rubrics as well as those who are not, this book is a complete resource for writing effective rubrics and for choosing wisely from among the many rubrics that are available on the Internet and from other sources. And it makes the case that rubrics, when used appropriately, can improve outcomes by helping teachers teach and helping students learn.

"Rubrics for Assessing Student Achievement in Science, Grades K-12 is a valuable resource that will help measure what students know and are able to do in the science classroom. It will yield more consistent and defensible judgements, more precise feedback, and sharper student learning and performance"--Back cover.

This book features 68 performance tasks and rubrics, all designed to motivate and engage your students. Also included are samples of student work to help you apply the rubrics and develop your grading and scoring skills. The performance assessments in this book were contributed by teachers like you from all over the country and they include: - open-ended and extended response exercises - projects and portfolios - behavioral assessments (skits, debates, discussions, etc.) - authentic assessments - and student self-assessments, in addition to those administered by teachers.

Contains a collection of specific classroom strategies & suggestions for teaching writing to elementary school students according to an eight-stage process. Specific techniques for teaching each stage of the writing process & descriptions of proven approaches for using these techniques are also included. "A wonderful resource, a labor of love from a large & talented group of educators." Had its beginnings in the California Writing Project at the Univ. of California, Irvine. Best Seller! Illustrated.

This volume is the third in NSTA's Exemplary Science monograph series, which provides the results of an unprecedented national search to assess how well the Standards' vision has been realized nine years after the National Science Education Standards' were release.

This remarkable book shows teachers how to inspire students to learn to write and write to learn. Committed to the premise that all students can learn to write with appropriate teaching, modelling, and practice, it argues that reading and writing go hand in hand. Through reading, writing and the inevitable discussions that follow, students learn from the experiences of others, open their minds to many possibilities, gain a glimpse into new worlds, make connections to their lives, and reflect on their own choices and learning. This practical book shows you how to use freewriting and powerful mentor texts to create classrooms where students enjoy putting pencil to paper and taking the necessary risks to grow and flourish as writers.

Learning strategies for critical thinking are a vital part of today's curriculum as students have few additional opportunities to learn these skills outside of school environments. Therefore, it is of utmost importance for pre-service teachers to learn how to infuse critical thinking skill development in every academic subject to assist future students in developing these skills. The Handbook of Research on Critical Thinking Strategies in Pre-Service Learning Environments is a collection of innovative research on the methods and applications of critical thinking that highlights ways to effectively use critical thinking strategies and implement critical thinking skill development into courses. While highlighting topics including deep learning, metacognition, and discourse analysis, this book is ideally designed for educators, academicians, researchers, and students. Persuasive Writing, Grades 3-5 (Meeting Writing Standards Series) Teacher Created Resources

This comprehensive, pedagogically rich guide aims to help teachers entering the rewarding field of special education become highly successful and competent. The authors' thirty-plus years of experience interacting with teachers and learning their needs endows them with a deep understanding of important issues teachers encounter, as well as their concerns about employing the best teaching methods. The book's well-structured, easy-to-follow sections are devoted to developing collaborative relationships, preparing individualized educational programs, writing lesson plans, selecting instructional and behavioral techniques, and understanding the teacher evaluation methods in current use today. Guidance is also provided for self-reflection and formulating future goals. Each chapter contains numerous vignettes, rubrics, templates, strategies, and stimulating activities.

Backed by solid research, Writing Instruction That Works answers the following question: What is writing instruction today and what can it be tomorrow? This up-to-date, comprehensive book identifies areas of concern for the ways that writing is being taught in today's secondary schools. The authors offer far-reaching direction for improving writing instruction that assist both student literacy and subject learning. They provide many examples of successful writing practices in each of the four core academic subjects (English, mathematics, science, and social studies/history), along with guidance for meeting the Common Core standards. The text also includes sections on Technology and the Teaching of Writing and English Language Learners.

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This practical resource shows educators how to use the Internet to help students communicate electronically, reaching beyond the borders of traditional classroom walls. The authors—a lifelong professional developer and a dedicated facilitator of improved K–12 education through her work with graduate students in school leadership—provide the how-to for teaching essential foundation elements, including teamwork, Internet research, evaluation of information sources, cross-cultural communication, and thinking skills. Emphasizing practical tools and techniques, their model integrates the internet, common school software, and free online technology tools to create engaging projects that advance 21st-century skills.

A GPS for connecting standards to lessons Translating the Common Core State Standards into an effective curriculum is at the top of many educators' to-do list, and this book shows you how. This text familiarizes teachers and curriculum designers with the key points of the ELA core standards and demonstrates how to design effective curriculum units to align with them. The author provides practical and accessible tools for developing a map and for making the important connections among all unit map components, including differentiated instruction. Also included are: A rationale for each of the ELA common core standards An overview of the key benefits Reproducible templates and examples of unit curriculum maps

Activities in this book have been divided into three categories: letters, editorials, and reviews. Incorporated throughout the book are standards for assessment.

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Offers tactics and tools to aid in assessing students' progress based on a five-step model introduced by the Kansas Association of School Librarians in 2001 to provide a framework for planning learning activities and successful evaluation.

Throughout history, people have often expressed controversial and conflicting interpretations of current events. In this unique resource, Joan Brodsky Schur reveals how compelling and engaging the study of history becomes when students use documents to imagine living through events in American history. Eyewitness to the Past examines six types of primary sources:

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diaries, travelogues, letters, news articles, speeches, and scrapbooks. Teachers will find interactive strategies to help students analyze the unique properties of each, and apply to them their own written work and oral argument. Students learn to express opposing viewpoints in documents, classroom interactions, and simulations such as staging congressional hearings, elections, or protests. They build crucial analytical thinking and presentation skills. Used together, the six strategies offer a varied and cohesive structure for studying the American past that reinforces material in the textbook, encourages creativity, activates different learning styles, and strengthens cognitive skills. Each chapter provides detailed instructions for implementing an eyewitness strategy set in a specific era of American history, and includes extensions for adapting the strategy to other time periods. In addition to the primary sources included in the book, examples of student work are presented throughout to aid teachers in evaluating the work of their own students. Rubrics and a list of resources are offered for each eyewitness strategy.

"Travel with your students beyond the traditional written book report into a new realm of creativity! Learn how to actively engage students in literature response with more than 39 imaginative projects designed to enhance comprehension of both fiction and nonfiction literature. Easy-to-follow directions support teachers during every step of each project, helping teachers deliver clear, explicit instruction. Reproduce and use the rubrics in the book as they are, or customize them from the CD—making assessment easy!"

Based on extensive experience as a teacher/staff development consultant and earlier work in the field by foreword writer Heidi Hayes Jacobs, Wisconsin-based Udelhofen (PhD) explains how curriculum mapping can help educators better help students. She describes such mapping as a process in which teachers electronically document and share all curriculum.

Easily implement grade appropriate lessons suitable for Grade 5 classrooms. Based on current research, these easy-to-use lessons are based on a variety of strategies to differentiate your instruction. Activities are included to allow access to all learners. Includes interactive whiteboard-compatible Resource CD with sample projects, templates, and assessment rubrics. 160pp. plus Teacher Resource CD.

Translate the new standards into meaningful curriculum! This updated edition of Susan Drake's classic text serves as a road map through the Common Core State Standards, giving you the flexibility to design an integrated curriculum that's right for your students. Focusing on multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary, and transdisciplinary approaches, Drake provides guidance on: Unpacking the Common Core State Standards Planning assessment tasks Designing instructional strategies Developing daily activities Helping students connect essential questions to enduring understandings Included are new examples of exemplary programs, discussion questions, a sample completed interdisciplinary curriculum, and activities for building your own standards-based integrated curriculum.

In *Teaching English Language Learners through Technology*, the authors explore the use of computers/technology as a pedagogical tool to aid in the appropriate instruction of ELLs across all content areas. The special focus of this book is on the informed use of various technologies and software programs that can specifically aid ELLs.

Strategies are also provided for varying levels of access--whether teachers teach in a one computer classroom, have access to multiple computers, or have the ability to go into a computer lab at their school. A fully annotated list of web and print resources

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completes the volume, making this a valuable reference to help teachers harness the power of computer-assisted technologies in meeting the challenges of including all learners in effective instruction.

Implementing the Information Literacy Framework: A Practical Guide for Librarians is written with three types of people in mind: librarians, classroom educators, and students. This book and its website address the implementation of the Association of College and Research Libraries' Framework of Information Literacy in Higher Education. One of the few books written jointly by an academic librarian and a classroom faculty member, Implementing the Information Literacy Framework packs dozens of how-to ideas and strategies into ten chapters specifically intended for librarians and classroom instructors. If you have been waiting for a no-nonsense, carefully explained, yet practical source for implementing the Framework, this book is for you, your colleagues, and your students, all in the context of a discipline-specific, equal collaboration between the library liaison and classroom educator. Implementing the Information Literacy Framework gives you the tools and strategies to put into practice a host of Framework-based information literacy experiences for students and faculty, creating a campus culture that understands and integrates information literacy into its educational mission.

Weaving It Together helps learners build reading and writing skills through relevant readings and carefully structured writing exercises. By balancing these two necessary competencies, learners seamlessly develop both language and academic skills.

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Used world-wide as a definitive technology curriculum, this six-volume series (Fourth Edition, 2011) is the all-in-one solution to running an effective, efficient, and fun technology program whether you're the lab specialist, IT coordinator, classroom teacher, or homeschooler. It is the choice of hundreds of school districts across the country, private schools nationwide and teachers around the world. Each volume includes step-by-step directions for a year's worth of projects, samples, grading rubrics, reproducibles, wall posters, teaching ideas and hundreds of online connections to access enrichment material and updates from a working technology lab. Aligned with ISTE national technology standards, the curriculum follows a tested timeline of which skill to introduce when, starting with mouse skills, keyboarding, computer basics, and internet/Web 2.0 tools in Kindergarten/First; MS Word, Publisher, Excel, PowerPoint, Google Earth, internet research, email and Photoshop in Second/Fifth. Each activity is integrated with classroom units in history, science, math, literature, reading, writing, critical thinking and more. Whether you're an experienced tech teacher or brand new to the job, you'll appreciate the hundreds of embedded links that enable you to stay on top of current technology thinking and get help from active technology teachers using the program. Extras include wall posters to explain basic concepts, suggestions for keyboarding standards, discussion of how to integrate Web 2.0 tools into the classroom curriculum and the dozens of online websites to support classroom subjects.

This book shows how principles of self-regulated learning are being implemented in secondary classrooms. The 14 chapters are theoretically driven and supported by empirical research and address all common high school content areas. The book comprises 29 lesson plans in English language arts, natural and physical sciences,

social studies, mathematics, foreign language, art, music, health, and physical education. Additionally, the chapters address students with special needs, technology, and homework. Each chapter begins with one or more lesson plans written by master teachers, followed by narratives explaining how the lesson plans were implemented. The chapters conclude with an analysis written by expert researchers of the self-regulated learning elements in the lessons. Each lesson and each analysis incorporate relevant educational standards for that area. Different types of high schools in several states serve as venues. This powerful new book edited by Maria K. DiBenedetto provides a unique and invaluable resource for both secondary teachers and researchers committed to supporting adolescents in the development of academic self-regulation. Each chapter is jointly written by teachers who provide a wealth of materials, including lesson plans, and researchers who situate these lesson plans and academic self-regulation goals within the larger work on self-regulation. The topics covered are far broader than any other book I have seen in terms of developing academic self-regulation, covering over a dozen content areas, including literacy, mathematics, social studies, the sciences, and the arts. Teachers and scholars alike will find this book a must read. Karen Harris, EdD, Arizona State University A practical and magnificent blend of educational research and application. This book goes beyond presenting the findings of research on self regulation by connecting detailed strategies that align with the standards to the research. DiBenedetto et al. clearly illustrate how to develop self regulated learners in the classroom. A refreshing must read for all secondary educators and educational researchers seeking to be well grounded in education research and practical application techniques. Heather Brookman, PhD, Fusion Academy- Park Avenue Self-regulated learning is a research-based process by which teachers help students realize their own role in the learning process. Connecting Self-Regulated Learning and Performance with Instruction Across High School Content Areas consists of model teachers' lessons and analyses by prominent educational psychologists in the field of self-regulated learning. The book provides teachers with the tools needed to increase students' awareness of learning and inspires all educators to use self-regulated learning to promote engagement, motivation, and achievement in their students. The book also provides administrators with the principles needed to infuse evidenced based self-regulated learning into their curriculum and instruction. I highly recommend the book! Marty Richburg, Northside High School

The benefits of collaborative learning are well documented—and yet, almost every teacher knows how group work can go wrong: restless students, unequal workloads, lack of accountability, and too little learning for all the effort involved. In this book, educators Nancy Frey, Douglas Fisher, and Sandi Everlove show you how to make all group work productive group work: with all students engaged in the academic content and with each other, building valuable social skills, consolidating and extending their knowledge, and increasing their readiness for independent learning. The key to getting the most out of group work is to match research-based principles of group work with practical action. Classroom examples across grade levels and disciplines illustrate how to

- * Create interdependence and positive interaction
- * Model and guide group work
- * Design challenging and engaging group tasks
- * Ensure group and individual accountability
- * Assess and monitor students' developing understanding (and show them how to do the same)
- * Foster essential interpersonal skills, such as thinking with

