



Novel Study and Creative Writing

Grades 1-7

LWL Novel Study Levels

Newbie

Grades 1-2

The perfect transition from picture books to chapter books! We introduce thin novels that are full of adventure and excitement. Students learn to read sections independently and practice their fluency. During the written portion of class, students recall important details from their stories.



Beginner

Grades 2-3

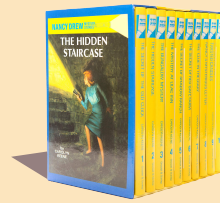
Students read an assortment of childhood classics, many of which have been developed into movies! Weekly reading homework is assigned to develop healthy reading habits. In class, writing assignments become more creative as we explore each novel and their characters in depth.



Intermediate

Grades 3-4

Students expand their vocabulary knowledge as teachers continue to explain uncommon words. Further your reading comprehension skills by making predictions and discussing deeper themes. Proficient reading analysis and writing skills are developed and refined.



Advanced

Grades 4-7


Students explore classic allegorical masterpieces such as Animal Farm or more recent favorites such as The Hunger Games Series. Students analyze what's beneath the surface of a story. Our writing exercises allow students to reflect how these fictional worlds reflect our modern day lives.



Name: _____ Date: _____

Dinosaurs Before Dark

Part 2



Colony: a group of organisms of one species that live and interact closely with each other.

- Describe how Anotasaures live in colonies.
- Why did Jack leave the treehouse and return to the hill even though there was a T-ree?
- What did Jack have from the adventure that helped him know their adventure was real?


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Descriptive Writing

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

In the story, Prince Fancichtery wanted his palace built completely out of chocolate! The author described the appearance of the palace:

(Page 15) "It had one hundred rooms, and everything was made of either dark or light chocolate! The bricks were chocolate, and the windows were chocolate, and the cement holding them together was chocolate, and the windows were chocolate, and all the walls and ceilings were made of chocolate, so were the carpets and the pictures and the furniture and the beds; and when you turned on the taps in the bathroom, hot chocolate came pouring out."



If you could have your very own palace built out of any kind of food, what would you pick and why? Please **describe** how your palace would look and what kind of unique functions it would have.

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The Primary Suspect

Nancy Drew: The Hidden Staircase

Consider this excerpt from Chapter 15:

Long ago Mr. Drew taught Nancy that the best way to clear one's brain is to commune with Nature for a drink. Nancy went up one walk and down another, listening to the twittering of the birds, and now and then the song of the meadow lark.

What do you do when you need to "clear your brain"? Do you like to go outside and get fresh air? Do you talk to your family? Do you write or draw down your thoughts? Please use full sentences.

By the end of Chapter 15, Nancy seems most suspicious of Nathan Gombler: "Maybe Nathan Gombler is keeping Willie Wharton away! Willie may even be a prisoner! And if Gombler is that kind of a person, maybe he engineered the abduction of my father!" Nancy even tries to follow Nathan's car but loses him at a red light. Nathan Gombler seems to be Nancy's primary suspect. Do you believe that Nathan is the most likely suspect? Is he responsible for Mr. Drew's disappearance? Please explain why or why not and use full sentences.

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Dystopia

The Hunger Games

A dystopian novel is a style of fiction usually set in the future, where societies are characterized by catastrophe, oppression (where the people are usually restricted or ruled by terror) and the loss of individuality in the human race. Usually this type of writing is an emphasis on what would go wrong in humanity if we lost our freedom and were ruled by extreme social and political systems.

In chapter 1 we see lots of dystopian examples when Katniss describes District 12. The Hunger Games itself is a direct result of this, where corruption is normalized and disguised as an excuse to serve your community, rather than acknowledging it for what it is: a rigid ruling by a powerful tyrant in a society where even the slightest disobedience is punished.

Please write 4 instances in the lines below from the book which showcase the dystopian setting of this book (you may choose to write direct quotations, or a summary sentence of your observations).

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5 Reasons to join LWL's Novel Study and Creative Writing Programs

1. Curated Collection

We curated a collection of chapter books from award winning authors. Parents may recognize many of their childhood favourites. For each novel study level, we selected stories that are at the appropriate maturity and comprehension sweet spot.



2. Guided Reading

Guided reading is reading out loud to an adult with feedback. In class, we help students slow down while reading and improve attention to detail. Students build on their reading fluency, intonation, and expression.



3. Class Discussion and Analysis

In our small classes, students are able to develop reading comprehension skills by making predictions and discussing throughout. Students analyse plot points, character development, themes, and more!



4. Diverse Writing Exercises

Our writing activities include writing summaries, analysing quotes, conducting character studies, filling plot diagrams, answering comprehensions, creating poems, and more! Each class has unique assignments to practice a variety of writing styles.



5. Vocabulary Building

Each class, students expand their vocabulary as teachers explain uncommon words. It's much more efficient to learn vocabulary from books because students learn the words contextually. Students walk away from each class with vocabulary cue cards from their reading.

