George Mason University College of Education and Human Development Elementary Education Program

ELED 358.A05 – Children's Literature for Teaching in Diverse Settings 3 Credits, Summer 2019 Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:30-4:10 L019 Thompson Hall; Saturdays online

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Prerequisites/Corequisites

ENGH 101 OR permission of instructor

University Catalog Course Description

Introduction to use of children's literature in early childhood and elementary settings with a focus on format, genre, curricular connections, and overall utility in broadly diverse classrooms.

Course Overview

This course broadly and deeply examines literature for children in preschool through Grade 6. Focus is on selecting and using appropriate books for the classroom in literature-based reading instruction and in content curricular instruction. In addition, students explore multiple instructional approaches and strategies for literature use in diverse classrooms, with an eye towards critical literacy.

Course Delivery Method

This course will be delivered using a lecture format.

Individual session formats vary and may include lecture, small group/large group discussion, handson, interactive work, student presentations, cooperative learning, and online interaction. Practical applications of literature are explored via group activities.

Learner Outcomes or Objectives

This course is designed to enable students to do the following:

- 1. Understand the content of various kinds of children's books (INTASC 4, ACEI.1.0, ACEI 2.1, ACEI. 2.2)
- 2. Plan for meeting the needs of diverse classroom populations including disabilities, SES, ethnicities and race, gender, and linguistic diversity. (INTASC 1, 2, 3; ACEI 1.0, ACEI 3.2)
- 3. Integrate children's literature across content areas (INTASC 1, 4, 5, 7; ACEI 2.1, ACEI 2.2, ACEI 2.3, ACEI 2.4, ACEI 2.5, ACEI 3.2)

- 4. Describe why learning communities and motivation are important and describe the major strategies for motivating students. (INTASC 1, 3, 5; ACEI 3.4)
- 5. Identify genres in children's literature and collect, read, and categorize books based on these genres (INTASC 3, 4, 5, 7; ACEI 1.0, ACEI 2.1, ACEI 2.2)
- 6. Engage in book discussion to deepen knowledge about and appreciation of children's literature in conjunction with language arts content standards (INTASC 4, 5, 8; ACEI 1.0, ACEI 2.1, ACEI 2.2)
- 7. Plan for and use various instructional strategies including presentation, direct instruction, concept teaching, cooperative learning, problem-based learning, and classroom discussion and adapt each to meet the needs of diverse students. (INTASC 8; ACEI 3.3)

Professional Standards Upon completion of this course, students will have met the following professional standards:

INTASC (The Interstate Teacher Assessment & Support Consortium):

• **Standard #1: Learner Development**. The teacher understands how learners grow and develop, recognizing that patterns of learning and development vary individually within and across the cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical areas, and designs and implements developmentally appropriate and challenging learning experiences.

• **Standard #2: Learning Differences.** The teacher uses understanding of individual differences and diverse cultures and communities to ensure inclusive learning environments that enable each learner to meet high standards.

• **Standard #3: Learning Environments.** The teacher works with others to create environments that support individual and collaborative learning, and that encourage positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self motivation.

• **Standard #4: Content Knowledge.** The teacher understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the discipline(s) he or she teaches and creates learning experiences that make the discipline accessible and meaningful for learners to assure mastery of the content.

• **Standard #5: Application of Content.** The teacher understands how to connect concepts and use differing perspectives to engage learners in critical thinking, creativity, and collaborative problem solving related to authentic local and global issues.

• **Standard #7: Planning for Instruction.** The teacher plans instruction that supports every student in meeting rigorous learning goals by drawing upon knowledge of content areas, curriculum, cross-disciplinary skills, and pedagogy, as well as knowledge of learners and the community context.

• **Standard #8: Instructional Strategies**. The teacher understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage learners to develop deep understanding of content areas and their connections, and to build skills to apply knowledge in meaningful ways.

ACEI/NCATE Program Standards for Elementary Teacher Preparation:

• **Standard 1.0: Development, Learning, and Motivation**--Candidates know, understand, and use the major concepts, principles, theories, and research related to development of children and

young adolescents to construct learning opportunities that support individual students' development, acquisition of knowledge, and motivation.

• **Standard 2.1 Reading, Writing, and Oral Language**—Candidates demonstrate a high level of competence in use of English language arts and they know, understand, and use concepts from reading, language and child development, to teach reading, writing, speaking, viewing, listening, and thinking skills and to help students successfully apply their developing skills to many different situations, materials, and ideas.

• **2.2 Science**—Candidates know, understand, and use fundamental concepts of physical, life, and earth/space sciences. Candidates can design and implement age-appropriate inquiry lessons to teach science, to build student understanding for personal and social applications, and to convey the nature of science.

• **2.3 Mathematics**—Candidates know, understand, and use the major concepts and procedures that define number and operations, algebra, geometry, measurement, and data analysis and probability. In doing so they consistently engage problem solving, reasoning and proof, communication, connections, and representation.

• **2.4 Social studies**—Candidates know, understand, and use the major concepts and modes of inquiry from the social studies—the integrated study of history, geography, the social sciences, and other related areas—to promote elementary students' abilities to make informed decisions as citizens of a culturally diverse democratic society and interdependent world.

• **Standard 3.2 Adaptation to diverse students**—Candidates understand how elementary students differ in their development and approaches to learning, and create instructional opportunities that are adapted to diverse students.

• **Standard 3.3: Development of critical thinking and problem solving**—Candidates understand and use a variety of teaching strategies that encourage elementary students' development of critical thinking and problem solving.

• **Standard 3.4:** Active engagement in learning—Candidates use their knowledge and understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior among students at the K-6 level to foster active engagement in learning, self-motivation, and positive social interaction and to create supportive learning environments.

The Virginia State Teacher Education Licensure Regulations for Elementary Education:

• **Standard 1**: The use of differentiated instruction and flexible groupings to meet the needs of learners at different stages of development, abilities, and achievement.

• **Standard 2**: The use of appropriate methods, including direct instruction, to help learners develop knowledge and basic skills, sustain intellectual curiosity, and problem solve.

• **Standard 3**: The ability to utilize effective classroom management skills through methods that will build responsibility and self-discipline and maintain a positive learning environment.

• **Standard 4**: A commitment to professional growth and development through reflection, collaboration, and continuous learning.

• **Standard 5**: The ability to use computer technology as a tool for teaching, learning, research, and communication.

Required Texts and Other Materials

Schneider, J. J. (2016). The inside, outside, and upside downs of children's literature.

http://scholarcommons.usf.edu/childrens_lit_textbook/

Students will purchase a semester subscription to GoReact. Information will be provided in the first class meeting.

Optional Text

Kiefer, B.Z. & Tyson, C.A. (2010). *Charlotte Huck's Children's Literature: A Brief Guide*. New York: McGraw-Hill.

Course Performance Evaluation

Students are expected to submit all assignments on time in the manner outlined by the instructor (e.g., Blackboard, Tk20, hard copy).

Literature Circle & Ongoing Participation (15 points)

As part of this class, you will participate in an ongoing literature circle with a group of peers in class. For two weeks, we will begin our class meeting with 20 minutes of literature circle discussion time. You will select titles from historical fiction/contemporary realistic fiction and modern fantasy genres. A list will be provided in class. You will work through the various roles and responsibilities typically enacted by upper elementary students. The object of this activity is to learn firsthand how literature can be shared among students in order to promote reading engagement and motivation, fluency, and comprehension with attention and discussion devoted to literary devices, aspects of author language use (writer's craft), and contextual elements needed for comprehension. In addition to in-class participation and discussion, you will keep a reflective journal describing your experience, much as students do when engaged in classroom literature circles.

Regular participation is expected throughout class.

Text Talk (10 points) -submitted via in-class presentation and hard copy

Students will create a text talk with realia/objects, short video, images, and other representations of key vocabulary and essential comprehension elements of a text they plan to use in their future/current classrooms. Students will share their selected Text Talk items with peers in class. Note that this assignment can be used as a starting or culminating activity for an interactive reading activity and is particularly well-suited for both young students and students learning English. Students will compose a one-page written handout justifying their choices to share with classmates and will engage classmates in brief discussion.

After presenting their Text Talk in class, students will compose a brief written reflection (~1-page) describing the experience and their classmates' comments to further their understanding of using specific items to support student understanding of literature.

Two/three a day present for three successive classes

Part 1: Text Set with Lesson Plans (40 points)—submitted via Blackboard/TK20. This is the PBA for ELED 358

You will assemble texts from a variety of formats and genres to create a cohesive text set that aligns with a curricular standard of your choice. Your text set will be used to help diverse learners understand a key curricular area through a specific collection of topic-related books. Each text selection will support instruction in your selected curricular area/topic of study for the grade level being taught. You will write a justification explaining your text set, including a brief synopsis and critical review of each text, literary qualities of language employed within each text, your curricular choices, and how your selections support student needs.

After creating the text set, you will write two, detailed, interactive reading plans using two separate texts from your set. The **first** plan must be an interactive read-aloud of fiction. The **second** plan must be an interactive read-aloud of nonfiction. Both will contain target vocabulary, questions to engage students and ensure comprehension, and feedback stems to provide specific, positive teacher response to student comments.

If you **are** completing a field placement this semester:

You will choose one of the plans to teach to your placement class. Plans and teaching of the plan are described below (Part 2). You will submit a written reflection on the implementation.

If you are not completing a field placement this semester:

You will choose one of the plans to teach to classmates during a class meeting of ELED 358. Plans and teaching of the lesson are described below (Part 2). You will submit a written reflection on the implementation.

Part 2: Implementing Lessons in Elementary Classrooms (10 points)

If you are completing a field placement this semester:

You will teach one of the interactive read-aloud plans for Part 1 in your field hours classroom. Using the GoReact video-coding tool, you will record and reflect on your teaching experience with the 'technical, practical, critical' framework. Your written reflection should also include an analysis of your language and questioning/feedback to students. In addition to reflecting on your own practice, you will also work in a collaborative peer group to reflect/respond via GoReact on group members' submissions.

If you are not completing a field placement this semester:

You will teach one of the interactive read-aloud plans you planned for Part 1 to peers in ELED 358. Using the GoReact video-coding tool, you will record and reflect on your teaching experience with the 'technical, practical, critical' framework. Your written reflection should also include an analysis of your language and questioning/feedback to students. In addition to reflecting on your own

practice, you will also work in a collaborative peer group to reflect/respond via GoReact on group members' submissions.

<u>2 per day present</u>

Choice Assignment: Bibliography OR Author Study (25 points)

You will consider your knowledge of children's literature and future goals to select one of these tasks:

<u>1. Bibliography Book File</u>

You will create a bibliography, which will be neatly organized (binder or electronic format). You will include a minimum of 4 books per genre– *concept, fables/folklore, science fiction and fantasy, contemporary realistic fiction, historical fiction, nonfiction/informational, biography/autobiography, social justice/ multicultural books to promote diversity.* You will have a total of 8 genres and at least 32 books.

Include the following information in your file for each book:

- 1. Genre
- 2. Format & length of book
- 3. Author, publication year, title, publisher (APA format- see sample)

4. Book summary and critique, including critical literacy nuances and details to help you match the book with future students. Include information regarding the specific literary qualities of language employed in the book. Identify and evaluate the contribution of the social, political, historical, and cultural contexts in which the text is produced. This must be your own original work.

5. Reading level (including age and/or grade) for which the book is appropriate. Use Bookwizard to assign level

6. Book awards

2. Author Study

You will select and research a children's author of your choice. You will closely read the author's work and analyze it for themes, content, and connections to classroom use, comparing titles through a critical literacy lens in order to examine 1) how the author's craft has evolved over time, and 2) classroom connections and applications. Include a discussion of the contribution of the author's use of specific literacy devices to contribute to the text's meaning. Include a discussion of the social, political, historical, and cultural contexts in which the author's work is produced, and how those contexts impact the potential for classroom use.

You will submit a written paper describing findings, plus a bibliography of works read and included in the analysis. In the case of author-illustrators such as Jan Brett, you will analyze illustrations and text together to note recurring motifs and artistic style along with themes, content, and classroom connections.

• Other Requirements

Attendance and Participation Expectations

This course operates with the assumption that knowledge is socially constructed and the most meaningful learning opportunities are those where you have the opportunity to offer and explore diverse perspectives with peers. To do this **it is expected that you attend all scheduled classes and asynchronous/synchronous online meetings** outlined within the syllabus. Absence from class to observe a religious holiday, to serve jury duty, or to participate in required military service, and medical emergencies are exceptions to the above policy. If you anticipate being absent for any of these reasons, please make arrangements at least 48 hours in advance. In addition, **you are expected to be on time to class** each week unless advance notice has been provided to the instructor.

You are expected to contribute to both class and online discussions and activities as well as genuinely listen to peers as they do the same. In addition, you are expected to be prepared for each class, which means having completed all assigned readings and tasks for that class. Cell phones are for emergency use only and it is expected that you will not use cell phones in class for purposes such as texting, social media, or phone calls.

All written papers are expected to be double-spaced, with 1" margins, and in 12-point font (Times New Roman, Calibri, or Arial). APA format is expected. If you do not have a 6th Edition APA manual, the OWL at Purdue is an excellent resource. http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/

Please Note: The GMU Writing Center offers online support via email. They will provide feedback on your writing within one hour. I encourage you to take advantage of this service. <u>http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/?page_id=177</u>

It is expected that all class assignments will be submitted on time to the correct location; therefore, **late assignments will not receive full credit**. Assignments turned in late will receive an automatic deduction of one letter grade making the highest possible score equivalent to 80% (B). All assignments must be submitted on the due date stated within the syllabus (see below) and should be submitted in the format outlined below.

Note: Instructor reserves the right to add, alter, or omit any assignment as necessary during the course of the semester. You will always receive advance notice of any modifications.

Requirements & Assignments	Points	Due Date
Attendance/Participation/Literature Circles	15 points	Weekly
Text Talk	10 points	Sign up in class May 30 th , June 4 th , June 6 th

Course Performance Evaluation Weighting: ELED 358

Text Set (Part 1)*	40 points	Outline due: June 4 th
Designing and Implementing Instruction (Text Set Part 2)	10 points	Draft due: June 13 th in class Final due: June 20 th by midnight
Choice: Bibliography Book File OR Author Study	25 points	Due: June 16 th by midnight

There is the possibility to earn 100 points total.

*Designated performance-based assessment

• Gra	ading		
Grade	GRADING	Grade Points	Interpretation
Α	95-100	4.00	Represents mastery of the subject through
A-	90-94	3.67	effort beyond basic requirements
B +	87-89	3.33	Reflects an understanding of and the ability to
В	83-86	3.00	apply theories and principles at a basic level
B-	80-82		
C*	70-79	2.00	Denotes an unacceptable level of
D	60-69	1.00	understanding and application of the basic
F *	<69	0.00	elements of the course

*Remember: A course grade of "C" is not satisfactory for an initial licensure course.

Professional Dispositions

See https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/polices-procedures/

Class Schedule

Class/Date	Topics	Assignments Due
	Introduction	READINGS:
Class 1 Tuesday, May 21 st	Course introduction- syllabus, expectations Intro to children's literature Elements of Quality Children's Literature	Schneider: Ch 1 & 2

Class 2	Stages of Reading Development:	READINGS:	
Thursday, May 23rd	Emergent and Beginning readers	Schneider: Ch 6	
	Concept books Picture books Literary devices for young readers: Rhyme & alliteration, onomatopoeia, refrain		
Class 3	Engaging Students in Literature	READINGS:	
Tuesday, May 28 th		Schneider: Ch 4	
	Interactive reading techniques		
	Bookwalks	DUE:	
	Literature across the curriculum	Bring a picture book and a	
	Book awards	concept book to class	
Class 4	Stages of Reading Development:	READINGS:	
Thursday, May 30 th	Transitional & Intermediate Readers	Schneider: Ch 5 & 7	
	Chapter books	DUE:	
	Series books	Text Talk (Group 1)	
	Literature circles- what are they and why are they useful? (Form groups in class & plan upcoming sessions)		
Class 5	Final project drafting	READINGS:	
Saturday, June 1 st		Schneider: Ch 9	
Class 6	Poetry & Verse	READINGS:	
Tuesday, June 4 th	Traditional Literature	Schneider: Ch 10	
	Formats	DUE:	
	Literary devices	Bring a chapter book and a	
	Fluency	series book to class	
		Text Talk (Group 2)	
		Text Set Outline Due	
Class 7	Contemporary Realistic Fiction	READINGS:	
Thursday, June 6 th	Historical Fiction	TBD Bring Traditional Literature to class	

	Identifying & evaluating social, political & cultural contexts in which texts are produced Literature Circles 1	Text Talk (Group 3) DUE: Biblio file/Author study draft
Class 8	Text set development	READINGS:
Saturday, June 8 th	Peer teaching preparation	TBD
Class 9	Multicultural Concerns in Books	READINGS:
Tuesday, June 11 th	Critical literacy	Schneider: Ch 4 (review)
	Identifying & evaluating social, political & cultural contexts in which texts are produced	DUE: In-class peer teaching of Text Set lessons
	Biography & autobiography	READINGS:
Class 10	Modern Fantasy	TBD
Thursday, June 13 th		Text set project draft due in
	Literature Circles 2	class
Class 11	Choice assignment preparation	DUE June 16 th : Choice
Saturday, June 15 th	Text Set lesson reflection	Assignment: Biblio File OR Author Study
Class 12	Informational Books	READINGS
Tuesday, June 18 th		Schneider: Ch 11
	Identifying nonfiction text elements	
	Reading for content and comprehension	
Class 13	In-class peer teaching of Text Set	READINGS
Thursday, June 20 th	lessons	Schneider: Ch 12 & review Ch 5
	Matching Books with Readers	DUE: Text Set project
	Leveling Organization/libraries	(TK20)

Note: Faculty reserves the right to alter the schedule as necessary, with notification to students.

Core Values Commitment

The College of Education and Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles: <u>http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/</u>.

GMU Policies and Resources for Students

Policies

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason Honor Code (see https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/).
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing (see http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/).
- Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their Mason email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students **solely** through their Mason email account.
- Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services. Approved accommodations will begin at the time the written letter from Disability Services is received by the instructor (see https://ds.gmu.edu/).
- Students must silence all sound emitting devices during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

Campus Resources

- Support for submission of assignments to Tk20 should be directed to <u>tk20help@gmu.edu</u> or <u>https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/tk20</u>. Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to <u>http://coursessupport.gmu.edu/</u>.
- For information on student support resources on campus, see <u>https://ctfe.gmu.edu/teaching/student-support-resources-on-campus</u>

For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, please visit our website https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/.

Assessment Rubric for Text Set Project: ELED 358 Performance Based Assessment

Criteria	Exceeds	Meets	Approaches	Falls Below	Score
	90-100% (met)	80-89% (met)	70-79% (unmet)	0-69% (unmet)	

Complete	4.5-5	4-4.4	3.5-3.9	0-3.4	
Standard(s) of the planned curriculum connection is/are included.	4.3-5 Exact wording from the relevant standards (e.g., VDOE, Head Start, NAEYC) are included and appropriately referenced.	4-4.4 Exact wording from the relevant standards (e.g., VDOE, Head Start, NAEYC) are included BUT not appropriately referenced.	5.5-5.9 Standards language is paraphrased.	U-5.4 Standards language is not included.	INTASC 7 ACEI 3.1
Justification of the standard(s) and curricular connection is included.	4.5-5 Clear connections between standards and targeted curricular connection in relation to children's learning needs are thoroughly explained and appropriately referenced.	4-4.4 Connections between standards and targeted curricular connection in relation to children's learning needs are explained and appropriately referenced.	3.5-3.9 Connections between standards and targeted curricular connection in relation to children's learning needs are somewhat explained but may not be appropriately referenced.	0-3.4 Lacks explanation of connection between standards and children's learning needs. References are incomplete or missing.	INTASC 7 ACEI 3.1
The Text Set is cohesive and includes appropriate and diverse texts to support identified student learning needs	4.5-5 Each text in the set is clearly connected to the curricular topic and meets children's instructional needs. There are at least 10 texts included.	4-4.4 Each text in the set is clearly connected to the curricular topic and meets children's instructional needs. There are at least 8 texts included.	3.5-3.9 Each text in the set is clearly connected to the curricular topic and meets children's instructional needs. There are at least 6 texts included.	0-3.4 Each text in the set is clearly connected to the curricular topic. There are fewer than 6 texts included OR texts do not match children's instructional needs.	INTASC 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 ACEI 1.0, 2.1, 2.2, 3.2
Justifications for items included in the Text Set are complete.	9-10 Each text justification includes a 1) brief synopsis and critical review, 2) describes the literary qualities of the language employed within the text, 3) explains curricular connections and 4) supports children's instructional needs.	8-8.9 Each text justification includes at least three required elements. At least half of the justifications contain all four required elements.	7-7.9 Each text justification includes at least three required elements. Fewer than half of the justifications contain all four required elements.	0-6.9 Text justifications lack 2 or more elements	Mason CORE 1, 2, 3 INTASC 1, 2, 3
The Fiction Interactive Read Aloud Plan is comprehensive, strongly connected to the curriculum, and includes evidence of child needs and engagement techniques.	4.5-5 The Fiction interactive read aloud plan includes 2- 4 target vocabulary words, 6-8 questions to engage students and ensure comprehension, and related feedback stems to provide specific, positive teacher response to student comments. There is sufficient detail to ensure that a peer could successfully implement your plan.	4-4.4 The Fiction interactive read aloud plan includes 1- 2 target vocabulary words, 3-6 questions to engage students and ensure comprehension, and related feedback stems to provide specific, positive teacher response to student comments. There is sufficient detail to ensure that a peer could successfully implement your plan.	3.5-3.9 The Fiction interactive read aloud plan includes 1 target vocabulary words, 1-3 questions to engage students and ensure comprehension, and related feedback stems to provide specific, positive teacher response to student comments. There is sufficient detail to ensure that a peer could successfully implement your plan.	0-3.4 Plan lacks sufficient detail to ensure that a peer could successfully implement.	Mason CORE 1 INTASC 1, 2, 3, 7, 8 ACEI 1.0, 3.1, 3.2, 3.4, 3.5
The Nonfiction Interactive Read Aloud Plan is comprehensive, strongly connected to the curriculum, and includes	4.5-5 The Nonfiction interactive read aloud plan includes 2- 4 target vocabulary words, 6-8 questions to engage students and ensure comprehension, and related feedback stems to provide specific, positive teacher response to student comments. There is	4-4.4 The Nonfiction interactive read aloud plan includes 1- 2 target vocabulary words, 3-6 questions to engage students and ensure comprehension, and related feedback stems to provide specific, positive teacher response to student comments. There is	3.5-3.9 The Nonfiction interactive read aloud plan includes 1 target vocabulary words, 1-3 questions to engage students and ensure comprehension, and related feedback stems to provide specific, positive teacher	0-3.4 Plan lacks sufficient detail to ensure that a peer could successfully implement.	Mason CORE 1 INTASC 1, 2, 3, 7, 8

evidence of child needs and engagement techniques	sufficient detail to ensure that a peer could successfully implement your plan.	sufficient detail to ensure that a peer could successfully implement your plan.	response to student comments. There is sufficient detail to ensure that a peer could successfully implement your plan.		ACEI 1.0, 3.1, 3.2, 3.4, 3.5
Mechanics: The paper is coherent, proof read, well- organized, error free and adheres to APA format.	4.5-5 Paper is coherent, well- organized, error free and adheres to APA format.	4-4.4 Paper is organized and coherent. Paper contains 1- 5 errors in mechanics, usage, or APA.	3.5-3.9 Paper is organized in places and disorganized in others and/or lacks coherence in places. Paper contains 6-9 errors in mechanics, usage, or APA.	0-3.4 Paper is disorganized and/or lacks coherence. Paper contains 10 or more errors in mechanics, usage or APA.	ACEI 2.1)
Total Weighted Score					