George Mason University
College of Education and Human Development
Elementary Education

ELED 358 Section 005
Children’s Literature for Teaching in Diverse Settings
3 credits, Fall 2019
Thursdays, 1:30-4:10
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Recommended Prerequisite:
C or better in ENGH 101

University Catalog Course Description
Introduces children’s literature as a tool for working with children across a range of contexts, including early childhood and elementary classrooms. Explores multiple approaches and strategies for literature use in diverse settings with an eye towards format, genre, curricular connections, and overall utility.

Course Overview
This course broadly and deeply examines literature for children in preschool through Grade 6. The focus is on selecting and using appropriate books for children in a variety of diverse contexts including literature-based reading and content area instruction. In addition, students explore multiple instructional approaches and strategies for literature use in diverse settings.

This course fulfills the Mason Core Literature requirement and addresses the following learning outcomes:
1) Read for comprehension, detail and nuance
3) Analyze the ways specific literary devices contribute to the meaning of texts
4) Identify and evaluate the contribution of the social, political, historical, and cultural contexts in which literary text is produced

Course Delivery Method
This course is delivered using multiple instructional strategies and formats including face-to-face, synchronous online meetings, and asynchronous online meetings. Individual session formats vary and may include lecture, small group/large group discussion, hands-on, interactive work, student presentations, and cooperative learning. Practical applications of literature are explored via group activities.

Learner Outcomes or Objectives
This course is designed to enable students to:
1. Read and comprehend the content of various kinds of children’s books with attention to detail, nuance, and literary qualities and literary devices (INTASC 4, ACEI.1.0, ACEI 2.1, ACEI. 2.2) (Mason Core Literature Outcomes 1 and 3)
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

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conjunction with language arts content standards and the historical and cultural contexts within which
the literature is situated (INTASC 4, 5, 8; ACEI 1.0, ACEI 2.1, ACEI 2.2) (Mason Core Literature
Outcome 4)

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**


Additional required readings will be posted on Blackboard.

**Recommended Texts**


**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).

**Assignment and/or Evaluations:**

**Literature Circle, Idea 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.

• 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.

• Regular participation is expected throughout class. You will reflect on your participation following each class session.

**Self as Reader (10 points) – submitted via Blackboard**

**DUE September 12**
• What books did you read as a child or young adolescent that helped you love reading? Was there a particular character you identified with? Or perhaps a character you loved to hate and you didn’t want to stop reading?
• This assignment is designed to help us consider the role literature can play in shaping young readers’ identities by focusing on the young person we are most familiar with: ourselves.
• Reread a book that you first read as a child or young adolescent.
• Write a 3-4 page essay describing the book. Begin your essay with 1-2 paragraph summary of the book, then develop your essay juxtaposing your identity and experience reading this book as a child or young adolescent with your identity and experience reading this book as an adult. Your essay should be personal, insightful, and should build a strong emotional response in your reader. This assignment is intended to be a personal and reflective piece rather than an academic or scholarly essay.

**Text Talk and Read Aloud (10 points) — submitted via in-class presentation and Blackboard**

**DUE September 26th, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st**

• 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. Compose a one-page written handout justifying your choices to share with classmates. Post to Blackboard the Sunday prior to your read aloud.
• Students will read their chosen text aloud and share their selected Text Talk items with peers in class. Students will record their read alouds using a digital device.
• After presenting their Read Aloud/Text Talk in class and reviewing their video, students will engage in an online discussion describing their own experience and commenting on others’ read alouds/Text Talks to further their understanding of read aloud and using specific items to support student understanding of literature.
• 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.
• Four a day present in six classes. Those presenting on the same day will form an online discussion group.

**Book Set and Read Aloud with Plan. (25 points) — submitted via Blackboard/TK20**

**DUE October 31st and November 24th** *(This is the PBA for ELED 358)*

**PART ONE: GROUP**

• Your group will assemble books from a variety of formats and genres to create a cohesive set of 8 books that align with a social justice issue of your group’s choice (racism, feminism, LGBTQIA, specific cultural groups, immigration, poverty, homelessness, etc.).
• Your book set will be used to help diverse learners learn more about a social justice issue through a specific collection of topic-related books.
• You will justify your Book Set, including the following information:
  o An overview explaining how your selections support learning about the issue
  o APA format of each book (author, publication year, title, publisher)
  o Brief synopsis and critical review of each text (one paragraph per text)
  o Literary qualities of language employed in the texts
• You will bring at least one of your books to discuss with the rest of your group in the Idea Circle on October 31st
• You will create a Googledoc and share with me by Sunday November 3rd at 11:59pm.

**PART TWO: SOLO**

• After creating the Book Set, you will write a Read-Aloud plan (explained in class) using one of the books.
• It will contain target vocabulary, questions to engage students and ensure comprehension, and feedback stems to provide specific, positive teacher response to student comments.
• You will teach your book to classmates during a class meeting of ELED 358. Using a digital device, you will record yourself.
• After viewing yourself, write a reflection on your teaching experience including an analysis of your language and questioning/feedback to students.
• Final assignment upload due by Sunday, November 24th will be:
  o Your Read Aloud plan
  o Your reflection

**Bibliography Book File (20 points) – submitted via Blackboard**  
**DUE Oct 10th, Nov 7th, Nov 21st**

• You will create a bibliography, which will be neatly organized (binder or electronic format).
• You will include a minimum of 3 books per genre:
  o Concept
  o Fables/folklore  
    Above DUE October 10th
  o Contemporary realistic fiction
  o Historical fiction
  o Social justice/ multicultural books to promote diversity  
    Above DUE November 7th
  o Biography/autobiography
  o Science fiction and fantasy
  o Nonfiction/informational  
    Above Due November 21st
• You will have a total of 8 genres and at least 24 books.
• Portions of this assignment will be submitted at three times across the semester.

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)
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 (if applicable)

**Author Study (20 points) – submitted via Blackboard**  
**DUE December 5th**

• You will select and research a children’s author of picture books (at least 5).
• 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:
  • How the author’s craft has evolved over time
  • Variations of themes/content in the books
  • 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 (5-6 pages) describing findings, plus a bibliography 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.

You will complete an exit ticket at the end of each class where you self-evaluate your participation. This will include completion of the rubric and a narrative explanation and reflection on the class using the following prompts:

1) Something I did well this week was...
2) A goal for next week is...
3) I need clarification on...

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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. 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.

http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/?page_id=177

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.
Course Performance Evaluation Weighting: ELED 358

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<td>Self as Reader</td>
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<td>Text Talk Read Aloud</td>
<td>10 points</td>
<td>(Sign up in class) Sept 26th, Oct 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st</td>
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<td>*Book Set and Read Aloud</td>
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<td>Nov 14th and 21st</td>
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<td>Bibliography Book File</td>
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<td>Author Study</td>
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There is the possibility to earn 100 points total.

*Designated performance-based assessment

**Grading**

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

**Professional Dispositions**
See https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/policies-procedures/

**Class Schedule**

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<td>Class 1 Thursday, August 29th</td>
<td>Introduction Course introduction- syllabus, expectations Intro to children’s literature Elements of Quality Children’s Literature</td>
<td>READINGS: Schneider: Ch 1 &amp; 2</td>
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<td>Class 2 Thursday, September 5th</td>
<td>Stages of Reading Development: Emergent and Beginning readers Concept books Picture books Literary devices for young readers: Rhyme &amp; alliteration, onomatopoeia, refrain</td>
<td>READINGS: Schneider: Ch 6</td>
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<td>Class 3</td>
<td>Engaging Students in Literature</td>
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<td>Thursday, September 12th</td>
<td>Interactive reading techniques, Bookwalks, Literature across the curriculum, Book awards</td>
<td>Schneider: Ch 4, Self as Reader DUE</td>
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<td>Class 4</td>
<td>Stages of Reading Development: Transitional &amp; Intermediate Readers, Chapter books, Series books</td>
<td>READINGS: Schneider: Chs 5 &amp; 7</td>
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<td>Thursday, September 19th</td>
<td>Traditional Literature, Fables and Folklore, Literature circles - what are they and why are they useful?</td>
<td>READINGS: Schneider: Ch 9, Text Talk DUE</td>
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<td>Class 5</td>
<td>Poetry &amp; Verse, Formats, Literary devices, Fluency, Literature Circles 1</td>
<td>READINGS: Schneider: Ch 10, Literature Circle Reading DUE, Text Talk DUE</td>
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<td>Thursday, September 26th</td>
<td>Contemporary Realistic Fiction, Identifying &amp; evaluating social, political &amp; cultural contexts in which texts are produced</td>
<td>READINGS: TBD, Bibliographical File DUE (concept &amp; fable/folklore), Text Talk DUE</td>
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<td>Class 6</td>
<td>Historical Fiction, Identifying &amp; evaluating social, political &amp; cultural contexts in which texts are produced</td>
<td>READINGS: TBD, Text Talk DUE</td>
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<td>Thursday, October 3rd</td>
<td>Multicultural Concerns in Books, Critical literacy, Identifying &amp; evaluating social, political &amp; cultural contexts in which texts are produced</td>
<td>READINGS: Schneider: Ch 4 (review), Text Talk DUE</td>
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<td>Class 7</td>
<td>Biography &amp; autobiography, Literature Circles 2 – Idea Circles, Book Set texts</td>
<td>READINGS: TBD, Literature Circle Reading DUE, Book Set Googledoc DUE by Sunday 11/3, Text Talk DUE</td>
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<td>Thursday, October 10th</td>
<td>Modern Fantasy, Informational Books, Identifying nonfiction text elements, Reading for content and comprehension</td>
<td>READINGS: TBD, Bibliographical File DUE (contemporary, historical, social justice), Text Talk DUE</td>
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<td>Class 8</td>
<td>In-class peer teaching of Book Set lessons</td>
<td>READINGS: Schneider: Ch 11, Book Set Lesson Plan Draft</td>
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<td>Thursday, November 7th</td>
<td>Matching Books with Readers, Leveling, Organization/libraries</td>
<td>READINGS: Schneider: Ch 12 &amp; review 5, Book Set Submissions DUE by Sunday 11/24th, Bibliographical File DUE</td>
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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: http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/.

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

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

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

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<th>Criteria</th>
<th>Exceeds 90-100% (met)</th>
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<td><strong>Justification</strong> for the social justice theme is included.</td>
<td>4.5-5</td>
<td>4-4.4</td>
<td>3.5-3.9</td>
<td>0-3.4</td>
<td>INTASC 7, ACEI 3.1</td>
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<td>Clear overview of the theme thoroughly explains the social justice issue and is appropriately referenced.</td>
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<td>The Book Set is cohesive and includes appropriate and diverse texts to support</td>
<td>4.5-5</td>
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<td>Each text in the set is clearly connected to the social justice theme and meets children’s</td>
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<th>social justice theme selected</th>
<th>instructional needs. There are at least 8 texts included.</th>
<th>instructional needs. There are at least 6 texts included.</th>
<th>children’s instructional needs. There are at least 4 texts included.</th>
<th>fewer than 4 texts included OR texts do not match children’s instructional needs.</th>
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<td>Justifications for items included in the Book Set are complete.</td>
<td>9-10 Each text justification includes a 1) brief synopsis and critical review, 2) description of the literary qualities of the language employed within the text, 3) APA formatted bibliographic information</td>
<td>8-8.9 Each text justification includes at least two required elements. At least half of the justifications contain all three required elements.</td>
<td>7-7.9 Each text justification includes at least two required elements. Fewer than half of the justifications contain all three required elements.</td>
<td>0-6.9 Text justifications lack 2 or more elements.</td>
<td>INTASC 1, 2, 3</td>
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<td>The Interactive Read Aloud Plan is comprehensive, strongly connected to the social justice issue, and includes evidence of child needs and engagement techniques.</td>
<td>4.5-5 The 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.</td>
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