



LITERACY BEAT

Literacy Beat: A Vocabulary Instruction Blog for Teachers

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The blog was designed to prompt ongoing conversations around issues of vocabulary instruction and Web 2.0 in K-12 classrooms.

Examining One Literacy Beat Post

[Exploring the TextProject Website and Text Complexity](#)

Posted on October 14, 2011 by danagrisham

"A picture is worth a thousand words." http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_picture_is_worth_a_thousand_words

"The learning from complex texts in content areas and literature needs to be the centerpiece of schooling in the 21st century" (Hiebert, in press).




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About TEXT Project Site



TextProject aims to bring beginning and struggling readers to high levels of literacy through a variety of strategies and tools, particularly the texts used for reading instruction.

www.textproject.org

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What can be included in a comment?

- **Tell what struck you**
 - What did the post make you think more deeply about?
- **Offer an implementation idea**
 - What teaching ideas or resources might you try out?
- **Pose a question**
 - What follow-up information might you need?
- **Make a connection**
 - What other resources do you know about that fulfill similar aims?

Exploring Your Comments



Using Multimedia to Support Students' Generative Vocabulary Learning



Habitat

A habitat is a place where a plant or animal usually lives. The environment provides food, water, and shelter.

Different living things require different habitats according to their needs.

Watch this video to see how polar bears live in their arctic habitat. Their white fur helps them hide on the ice when hunting seals and their large, webbed paws help them swim long distances. Thick fur and a layer of blubber keeps them warm in the cold, harsh climate.

An animal's habitat can be quite large. Pacific humpback whales live in warm Hawaiian waters and the frigid waters of Alaska. Listen to how the humpbacks communicate.

Multimodal Word Webs

Free Explore Literacy Beat

- Explore 2-3 posts (see handout)
 - Brainstorm implementation ideas for your classroom
- Check-out other resources in the blog roll (on the left-hand side of the page)
- Add one comment
 - Share an implementation idea, pose a question, or offer an additional resource
- We'll meet in small groups to share



Many Thanks!

- Questions or comments?
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