

# CHILDREN'S BOOK ASSIGNMENT

You will plan and write your own children's book. It needs to relate to the natural world and include an environmental theme (message) OR nature facts. It should be appropriate for children, grades 1-3.



## DIRECTIONS:

1. Complete a story map/ plot line/ outline\* for your story. It should include a brief description of your story's:

- setting
- two major characters
- rising action (twists and turns) leading to the climax of the story
- conflict (a.k.a. problem)
- resolution (a.k.a. denouement)
- falling action (which occurs after resolution)- often minimal!
- theme (message/moral of your story)

STORY MAP, PLOTLINE, OR OUTLINE DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Complete a rough draft of your story. The story should be about 400-800 words- about 4-7 pages, double-spaced, 12-point font. You must get it edited. (Errors on the final will result in a terrible, no good, very bad, extremely disappointing grade.)

-Although not required, you are strongly encouraged to complete a storyboard\* depicting the picture/text layout for your book.

ROUGH DRAFT DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Complete a final draft of your story.

It must include:

- an illustrated cover
- title page (Name of book; author's name; date)
- dedication page
- word-processed story w/ colored illustrations
- About the Author page

\*You're encouraged to include "extras"-pop-ups, moving parts, illustrated margins or borders, special textures, scratch n' sniff ... Go crazy!

FINAL DRAFT DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

