# **BEHIND THE CURTAIN**

### A CREATIVE & THEATRICAL STUDY GUIDE FOR TEACHERS



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As part of DCT's mission to integrate the arts into classroom academics, the **Behind the Curtain Resource Guide** is intended to provide helpful information for the teacher and students to use before and after attending a performance. The activities presented in this guide are suggested to stimulate lively responses and multi-sensory explorations of concepts in order to use the theatrical event as a vehicle for cross-cultural and language arts learning.

Please use our suggestions as springboards to lead your students into meaningful, dynamic learning; extending the dramatic experience of the play.

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DALLAS CHILDREN'S THEATER, one of the top five family theaters in the nation, serves over 190,000 young people and their families each year through its mainstage productions, educational programming and outreach activities. Since its opening in 1984, this award-winning theater has existed to create challenging, inspiring and entertaining theater, which communicates vital messages to our youth and promotes an early appreciation for literature and the performing arts. As the only major organization in Dallas focusing on theater for youth and families, DCT produces literary classics, original scripts, folk tales, myths, fantasies and contemporary dramas that foster multicultural understanding, confront topical issues and celebrate the human spirit.

DCT is committed to the integration of creative arts into the teaching strategies of academic core curriculum and educating through the arts. Techniques utilized by DCT artists/teachers are based upon the approach developed in Integration of Abilities and Making Sense with Five Senses by Paul Baker, Ph.D.

TEKS that your field trip to Dallas Children's Theater satisfies are listed at the back of this Resource Guide.

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### **CURTAINS UP ON PUTTING A PERFORMANCE TOGETHER**

Every DCT performance you see is the result of many people working together to create a play. You see the cast perform on stage, but there are people behind the scenes that you do not see who help before, during, and after every production.

#### The WRITER/ADAPTOR

Creates a script that combines the story, the music, and the creative vision of the director.

#### The DIRECTOR

Determines the overall look of the performance.

Guides the actors in stage movement and character interpretation.

Works with designers to plan the lights and sounds, scenery, costumes and make-up, and stage actions.

#### The DESIGNERS

Plan the lights, sounds, scenery, costumes, make-up, and actions to help bring the director's vision to life. There are also designers who work to create the posters, advertisements, programs, and other media for the performance.

#### The STAGE MANAGER

Before the performance, they create a cue sheet to guide the crew in getting set pieces on and off the stage during the performances.

During the performance, the stage manager uses this cue sheet to direct people and things as they move on and off the stage.

#### The CREW

Build and operate the scenery, costumes, props, and light and sound during the performance.

#### The CAST

Includes all of the performers who present the story on stage.

#### The AUDIENCE

That's right! There can be no performance without you—the audience. The role of the audience is unique because you experience the entertainment with the performers and backstage crew.

You are a collaborator in the performance and it is important to learn your role so you can join all the people who work to create this Dallas Children's Theater production.









### **CURTAINS UP ON THE ROLE OF THE AUDIENCE**

Watching a play is different from watching television or a sporting event. When you watch T.V., you may leave the room or talk at any time. At a sporting event you might cheer and shout and discuss what you're seeing. Your role as a member of the audience in a play means you must watch and listen carefully because:

- You need to concentrate on what the actors are saying.
- The actors are affected by your behavior because they share the room with you. Talking and moving around can make it difficult for them to concentrate on their roles.
- Extra noises and movement can distract other audience members.









### Are you ready for your role in this performance?

Check the box next to the statements that describe proper etiquette for an audience member.

Try your best to remain in your seat once the performance has begun.
Share your thoughts out loud with those sitting near you.
Wave and shout out to the actors on stage.
Sit on your knees or stand near your seat.
Bring snacks and chewing gum to enjoy during the show.
Reward the cast and crew with applause when you like a song or dance, and at the end of the show.
Arrive on time so that you do not miss anything or disturb other audience members when you are being seated.
Keep all hands, feet, and other items out of the aisles during the performance.

## **CURTAINS UP ON THE ROLE OF THE AUDIENCE (contd.)**



- 1. Draw a picture of what the audience might look like from the stage. Consider your work from the viewpoint of the actors on stage. How might things look from where they stand?
- 2. Write a letter to an actor telling what you liked about his or her character.
- 3. Write how you think it might feel to be one of the actors. Are the actors aware of the audience? How might they feel about the reactions of the audience today? How would you feel before the play began? What about after the show ends?
- 4. Which job would you like to try? Acting, Directing, Lighting and Sounds, Stage Manager, Set designer, Costume designer, or another role? What skills might you need to complete your job?

### **CURTAINS UP ON THEATER VOCABULARY**

ACTOR any theatrical performer whose job it is to portray a character

CAST group of actors in a play

CENTER STAGE the middle of the stage

CHARACTER any person portrayed by an actor onstage. Characters may often be people, animals,

and sometimes things.

CHOREOGRAPHER the designer and teacher of the dances in a production

COSTUME DESIGNER the person who creates what the actors wear in the performance

DIRECTOR the person in charge of the actors' movements on stage

DOWNSTAGE the area at the front of the stage; closest to the audience

HOUSE where the audience sits in the theater

LIGHTING DESIGNER the person who creates the lighting for a play to simulate the time of day and the

location

ONSTAGE the part of the stage the audience can see

OFFSTAGE the part of the stage the audience cannot see

PLAYWRIGHT the person who writes the script to be performed. Playwrights may write an original

story or adapt a story by another author for performance.

PLOT the story line

PROSCENIUM the opening framing the stage

PROJECT to speak loudly

PROP an object used by an actor in a scene

SET the background or scenery for a play

SETTING the time and place of the story

SOUND DESIGNER the person who provides special effects like thunder, a ringing phone, or crickets

chirping

STAGE CREW the people who change the scenery during a performance

STAGE MANAGER the person who helps the director during the rehearsal and coordinates all crew

during the performance

UPSTAGE the area at the back of the stage; farthest from the audience

### **CURTAINS UP AFTER THE PERFORMANCE**

Attending a play is an experience unlike any other entertainment experience. Because a play is presented live, it provides a unique opportunity to experience a story as it happens. **Dallas Children's Theater** brings stories to life though its performances. Many people are involved in the process. **Playwrights** adapt the stories you read in order to bring them off the page and onto the stage. **Designers and technicians** create lighting effects so that you can feel the mood of a scene. **Carpenters** build the scenery and make the setting of the story become a real place, while **costumers** and **make-up designers** can turn actors into the characters you meet in the stories. **Directors** help actors bring the story to life and make it happen before your very eyes. All of these things make seeing a play very different from television, videos, computer games, or CDs of stories.



Hold a class discussion when you return from the performance. Ask students the following questions and allow them to write or draw pictures of their experience at DCT.

- What was the first thing you noticed when you entered the theater?
- What did you notice first on the stage?
- What about the set? Draw or tell about things you remember. Did the set change during the play? How was it moved or changed?
- Was there any space besides the stage where action took place?
- How did the lights set the mood of the play? How did they change throughout? What do you think the house lights are? How do they differ from the stage lights? Did you notice different areas of lighting?
- What did you think about the costumes? Do you think they fit the story? What things do you think the costume designers had to consider before creating the costumes?
- Was there music in the play? How did it add to the performance?
- What about the actors? Do you think they were able to bring the characters to life? Did you feel caught up in the story? What things do you think the actors had to work on in order to make you believe they were the character?

### **CURTAINS UP ON ADAPTATION**

An *adaptation* is a change made in something so that it can fit a new use. CHARLOTTE'S WEB is an **adaptation** of a book, which is meant to be read, into a play, which is meant to be performed and viewed. Joseph Robinette took the work of E.B. White and **adapted** it so that it could be performed for an audience onstage.

### Consider these questions for discussion before you attend the DCT production:

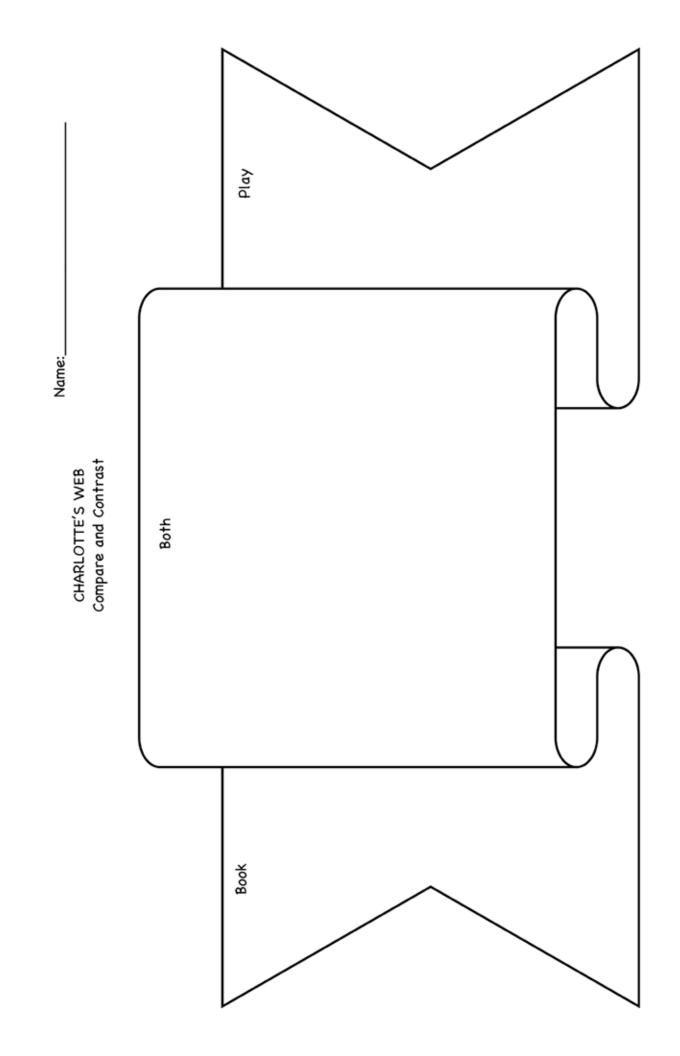
- What kinds of things did Joseph Robinette have to consider in writing a script of the story?
- If he was still alive, what kinds of things would E.B. White be concerned about with an adaptation of his book?
- Do you think the performance will be shorter or longer than the book?
- What will the characters look like? How will they match the images described by E.B. White? What differences can you expect?
- What about the story? What changes might you expect in adapting it for the stage? Why would these changes be necessary?

### After the performance, consider these questions:

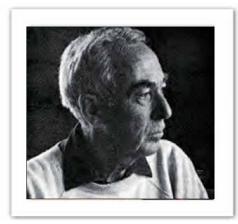
- Were there any characters or events that were in the book but not in the play? Why do you think these choices were made?
- Did the changes make the story stronger or was it weaker because of them?
- What do you think the set and costume designers need to consider when bringing the book to the stage?
- What things helped to tell the story on stage?



Use the following template to illustrate the similarities and differences between E.B. White's book and DCT's performance of CHARLOTTE'S WEB.



### **CURTAINS UP ON THE AUTHOR**



**ELWYN BROOKS WHITE** was born in 1899 in Mount Vernon, New York. In 1911, *St. Nicholas' Magazine*, a popular magazine for young readers, published one of his stories. "Now I am truly a writer," he wrote in his journal. He was twelve years old.

After graduating from college, he took a job with *The New Yorker*. He soon became well-known for his poetry and essays. In 1936 White and his family moved to a little farm near the coast of Maine. *Charlotte's Web* was published in 1952.

"There's not much in the book *Charlotte's Web,*" wrote one reviewer. "Only love, death, courage, hate, beauty, friendship, fear, revenge —

just everything in life."

E.B. White once explained how he came to write this story:

I like animals, and it would be odd if I failed to write about them. Animals are a weakness with me, and when I got a place in the country I was quite sure animals would appear, and they did.

A farm is a peculiar problem for a man who likes animals, because the fate of most livestock is that they are murdered by their benefactors. The creatures may live serenely but they end violently, and the odor of doom hangs about them always. I have kept several pigs, starting them in spring as weanlings and carrying trays to them all through the summer and fall. The relationship bothered me. Day by day I became better acquainted with my pig, and he with me, and the fact that the whole adventure pointed toward an eventual piece of double-dealing on my part lent an eerie quality to the thing. It used to be clear to me, slopping a pig, that as far as the pig was concerned I could not be counted on, and this, as I say, troubled me. Anyway, the theme of Charlotte's Web is that a pig shall be saved, and I have an idea that somewhere deep inside me there was a wish to that effect.

So, E.B. White was then faced with the dilemma of how to save the pig. He had been watching a spider spin her web and slowly the idea came to him. He actually kept a spider's egg sac in a box on his dresser. Soon the baby spiders were busily weaving among his brushes, comb and mirror.

Since 1952 over 6 million copies of *Charlotte's Web* have been sold. In 1976, when *Publishers Weekly* polled "teachers, librarians, authors, and publishers, asking them to name the ten best children's books written in America since 1776, *Charlotte's Web* was number one." For over 40 years, the story of a pig named Wilbur and a spider named Charlotte has captivated children everywhere.

#### Sources:

Collins, David R. *To the Point: A Story about E.B. White* Carolrhoda Books, Inc., c. 1989 Elledge, Scott *E.B. White: A Biography* W.W. Norton & Company, c. 1986 Gherman, Beverly *E.B. White: Some Writer!* Atheneum, c. 1992

### **CURTAINS UP ON POSITIVE CHARACTER TRAITS**

Charlotte and Wilbur each possess many positive character traits from which students can learn. Here are some examples for the students to be aware of before they come to the play.

#### Self esteem

"Well, I am pretty," replied Charlotte. "There's no denying that. Almost all spiders are rather nice looking. I'm not as flashy as some, but I'll do." (Chapter 5, page 37)

#### **Justice**

Wilbur ate heartily. He planned to leave half a noodle and a few drops of milk for Templeton. Then he remembered that the rat had been useful in saving Charlotte's life. So he left a whole noodle instead of half. (Chapter 10, page 75)

#### **Self-reliance**

Far into the night, while other creatures slept, Charlotte worked on her web.... As she worked, her eight legs were a great help to her. So were her teeth. (Chapter 13, page 92)

#### **Self-discipline**

Ever since the spider had befriended him, he had done his best to live up to his reputation. When Charlotte's web said SOME PIG, Wilbur had tried hard to look like some pig. When Charlotte's web said TERRIFIC, Wilbur tried to look terrific. And now that the web said RADIANT, he did everything possible to make himself glow. (Chapter 15, page 114)

### Loyalty

Charlotte: "You are my friend. That in itself is a tremendous thing. After all, what's a life, anyway? We're born, we live a little, we die. By helping you, perhaps I was lifting up my life a trifle. Heaven knows anyone's life can stand a little of that." (Chapter 21, page 164)

#### Respect

Wilbur: "I will love her children and her grandchildren dearly, but none of them will ever take her place in my heart. She was in a class by herself. It is not often that someone comes along who is a true friend and a good writer. Charlotte was both." (Chapter 22, page 184)

Source: White, E.B. Charlotte's Web: Full Color Edition, HarperCollins Publishers, 2001.

### **CURTAINS UP ON CREATIVE WRITING**

Have students create new stories with barnyard animals showing positive character traits.

### **Examples:**

- The Loyal Chicken
- The Fair and Just Rooster
- The Respectful Horse
- The Self Reliant Dog

After writing the stories, pair up the students to combine their stories. In *Charlotte's Web*, two unlikely animals become friends. Try to encourage the students to pair up unlikely animal pairs.

Once you've combined the stories, take turns acting them out. This activity can also be done as a mime (acting with no sound). See if the other students can guess the animals and character traits they possess.

### **CURTAINS UP ON SEQUENCE**

Number the following events in order.

Do you remember what happened in the play?

People came from miles around to see the words on Charlotte's web.

Fern loved Wilbur more than anything. Every morning, as soon as she got up, she warmed his milk, tied his bib on, and warmed his bottle for him.

The next day, as the Ferris wheel was being taken apart and the race horses were being loaded into their vans and the entertainers were packing up their belongings and driving away in their trailers, Charlotte died.

The end of summer brings many things. Late harvest. Thoughts of school. And the County fair.

## **CURTAINS UP ON PUNCTUATION**

## Add the missing punctuation.

Did you know that sheep have special mouths A sheep does not have top teeth in		
front What's on the top There is a hard pad that makes it easy to bite off grass The		
big teeth in the back grind the grass That's some mouth		
How are sheep raised Sheep can be raised in open pastures or on farms Sheep live in		
groups called flocks Wow, flocks can have more than 2,000 rams, ewes and lambs The		
sheep eat grass, grain and hay		
Pigs were first raised in China They were brought to America by Christopher		
Columbus How smelly it must have been on the Santa Maria Do you think the first		
pigs were glad to be here		
Pigs have 44 teeth There are two large teeth that stick out from each jaw to form tusks		
Have you ever heard of a pig biting someone		
Pigs have a short tail and thick skin is covered with bristles Can you think of something		
that is made from those bristles What other animals do you know interesting facts about?		
Write sentences using other animals. Trade papers to have someone else add the punctuation.		

## **CURTAINS UP ON MEMORY**

Who said that?
Match the line with the character.

ı. Fern	2. Avery	3. lempleton	4. Charlotte	5. Wilbur	
	•	in such a hurry to med at day that you were s	, ,	o tell you how proud I am of you. I	
What a night! What a feasting and carousing. A real gorge. I must have eaten the remains of thirty lunches. Oh, it was rich my friends, rich.					
Рор, са	n I eat some of	Wilbur's slops someda	ay?		
•	Stop! I don't want to die. I want to stay with my friends. I want to breathe the fresh air and live in the beautiful sun.				
	•	nave an announceme Goslings have arrived.		unremitting effort on the part of our	
Make a li	st of ways th	N ANIMAL BE		ways that he behaved in an	
unusual v	way.				
COMMON	PIG BEHAVIOR		UNUSUAL E	BEHAVIOR	

## **CURTAINS UP ON STORYTELLING**

We know the story of Charlotte's life, but what about her children? Pretend that you are one of Charlotte's babies.

Write a journal entry about some of your adventures.

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DEAR JOURNAL,	



### **CURTAINS UP ON SCIENCE**

E.B. White did a lot of research to make Charlotte a real spider. There are about 30 thousand different kinds of spiders. Charlotte is a barn spider, Araneus cavaticus. The first spider lived about 300 million years ago.

What other kinds of spiders have you heard of? Are any of them dangerous?			

### Spiders are not insects.

#### **Insects have:**

- Three body parts
- Six legs
- Antenna for touch and smell
- Two big eyes with three smaller eyes

### **Spiders have:**

- Two body parts
- Eight legs
- Spinnerets for spinning silk
- Eight eyes

Draw an example of an insect and a spider. Label each part.

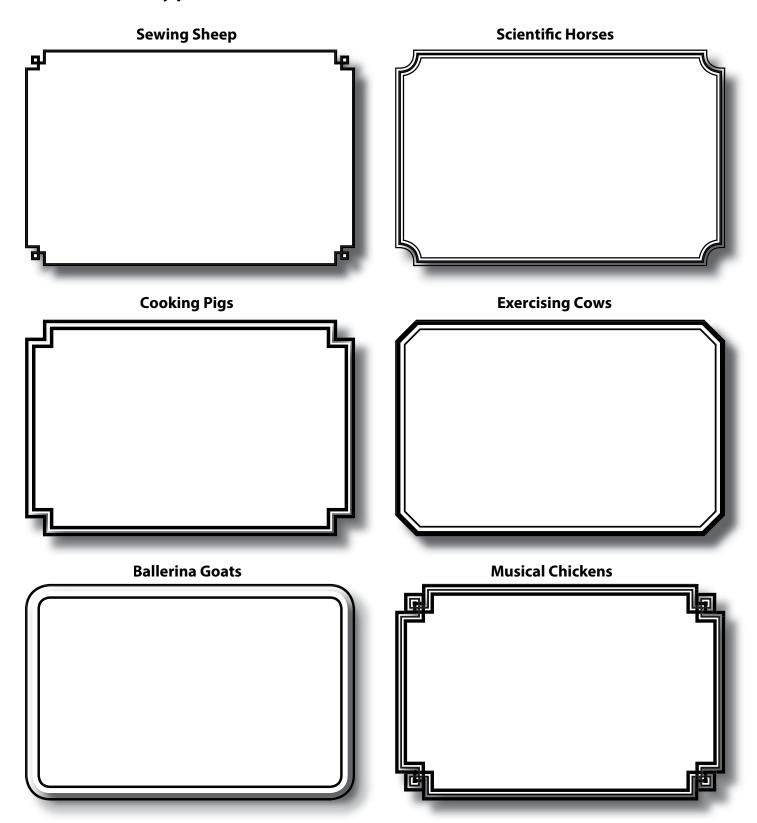
Draw a spider web and create a secret message inside.

## **CURTAINS UP ON ILLUSTRATION**

Can you re-tell the story of <i>Charlotte's Web</i> using only pictures? Use the back of this page if you need more room.				
Can you create a comic strip a	about Wilbur?			

### **CURTAINS UP ON FAMILY ALBUMS**

Charlotte can write words in her web. What if other animals did things that humans can do? Draw a family photo of these unusual animals.



### **CURTAINS UP ON SEL**

Did you notice how nervous Wilbur was in CHARLOTTE'S WEB? It was for a good reason (after all, he was concerned about being turned into bacon!), but sometimes feeling nervous or worried can negatively affect us; it can cause us to overreact in certain situations or dread the future. But, there are things we can do to limit the effects of worrying. One great way is to practice being in the present. Try one of the following activities with your students to help them find ways they can practice overcoming nervous and worrisome thoughts:

### **Mindfulness Bells**

In this activity, you will use a bell to bring awareness to your (and your students') breath which will help bring everyone to "the present."

#### You will need:

- A bell, chime, triangle, singing bowl, or a rin gong (small Japanese bell)
- A guiet and calm space

Begin by discussing what it means to "be present." Why is it important? How do you know when you are being present? Do you do anything special to help yourself pay attention?

Instruct your students that (when they hear the bell) they should breathe deeply three times and pay attention to their breath. Gently ring the bell, and breathe in and out three times. You can ring the bell more than once (each time breathing in and out three times). Don't forget to fully focus on your breath!

Check in with your students. How did this activity feel? How could it help when experiencing worrisome thoughts? How could someone use this breathing practice in their daily life?

Adapted from: education.com/activity/article/mindfulness-bell

#### 5-4-3-2-1 Journal Exercise

This activity can either be a personal journal activity, or a whole class group activity. Thinking about the present moment, list 5 things you can see, 4 things you can hear, 3 things you can feel, 2 things you can smell, and 1 thing you can taste. Afterwards, discuss how this activity helps connect you to the present. How might this activity help someone who is feeling nervous about something in the future?

Adapted from: freeperiodpress.com/blogs/free-period-press-blog/five-senses-mindfulness-exercise

### **CURTAINS UP ON MORE**

The Life Cycle of a Spider by Jill Bailey
Spiders by Lionel Bender
Spiders Near and Far by Jennifer Owings Dewey
Spiders by Gail Gibbons
Junior Science: Spiders by Terry Jennings
The Spider Makes a Web by Joan M. Lexau
The Spiders Dance by Joanne Ryder
Why Spiders Spin by Jamie and Scott Simons
Sophie's Masterpiece by Eileen Spinelli

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### 110.2 – English Language Arts and Reading, Kindergarten

- b.5 Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts.
   The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts.
- b.6 Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed.
- b.10 Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions.

### 110.3 - English Language Arts and Reading, Grade 1

- b.6 Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts.
- b.7 Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed.
- b.11 Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions.

### 110.4 - English Language Arts and Reading, Grade 2

- b.6 Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts.
- b.7 Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed.
- b.11 Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions.

### 110.5 - English Language Arts and Reading, Grade 3

- b.6 Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts.
- b.7 Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed.
- b.11 Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts writing
  process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible
  and uses appropriate conventions.

### 110.6 - English Language Arts and Reading, Grade 4

- b.6 Comprehension skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student uses metacognitive skills to both develop and deepen comprehension of increasingly complex texts.
- b.7 Response skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts. The student responds to an increasingly challenging variety of sources that are read, heard, or viewed.
- b.11 Composition: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and thinking using multiple texts writing process. The student uses the writing process recursively to compose multiple texts that are legible and uses appropriate conventions.

### 112.2 - Science, Kindergarten

• b.1 - Scientific and engineering practices. The student asks questions, identifies problems, and plans and safely conducts classroom, laboratory, and field investigations to answer questions, explain phenomena, or design solutions using appropriate tools and models.

### 112.3 - Science, Grade 1

• b.1 - Scientific and engineering practices. The student asks questions, identifies problems, and plans and safely conducts classroom, laboratory, and field investigations to answer questions, explain phenomena, or design solutions using appropriate tools and models.

### 112.4 - Science, Grade 2

• b.1 - Scientific and engineering practices. The student asks questions, identifies problems, and plans and safely conducts classroom, laboratory, and field investigations to answer questions, explain phenomena, or design solutions using appropriate tools and models.

### 112.5 - Science, Grade 3

• b.1 - Scientific and engineering practices. The student asks questions, identifies problems, and plans and safely conducts classroom, laboratory, and field investigations to answer questions, explain phenomena, or design solutions using appropriate tools and models.

#### 112.6 - Science, Grade 4

• b.1 - Scientific and engineering practices. The student asks questions, identifies problems, and plans and safely conducts classroom, laboratory, and field investigations to answer questions, explain phenomena, or design solutions using appropriate tools and models.

### 117.102 – Art, Kindergarten

• b.2 – Creative expression. The student communicates ideas through original artworks using a variety of media with appropriate skills. The student expresses thoughts and ideas creatively while challenging the imagination, fostering reflective thinking, and developing disciplined effort and progressive problem-solving skills.

### 117.105 – Art, Grade 1

• b.2 – Creative expression. The student communicates ideas through original artworks using a variety of media with appropriate skills. The student expresses thoughts and ideas creatively while challenging the imagination, fostering reflective thinking, and developing disciplined effort and progressive problem-solving skills.

### 117.108 – Art, Grade 2

• b.2 – Creative expression. The student communicates ideas through original artworks using a variety of media with appropriate skills. The student expresses thoughts and ideas creatively while challenging the imagination, fostering reflective thinking, and developing disciplined effort and progressive problem-solving skills.

### 117.111 – Art, Grade 3

• b.2 – Creative expression. The student communicates ideas through original artworks using a variety of media with appropriate skills. The student expresses thoughts and ideas creatively while challenging the imagination, fostering reflective thinking, and developing disciplined effort and progressive problem-solving skills.

### 117.114 – Art, Grade 4

• b.2 – Creative expression. The student communicates ideas through original artworks using a variety of media with appropriate skills. The student expresses thoughts and ideas creatively while challenging the imagination, fostering reflective thinking, and developing disciplined effort and progressive problem-solving skills.

### 117.104 – Theatre, Kindergarten

• b.5 – Critical evaluation and response. The student responds to and evaluates theatre and theatrical performances.

### 117.107 – Theatre, Grade 1

• b.5 – Critical evaluation and response. The student responds to and evaluates theatre and theatrical performances.

### 117.110 – Theatre, Grade 2

• b.5 – Critical evaluation and response. The student responds to and evaluates theatre and theatrical performances.

### 117.113 – Theatre, Grade 3

• b.5 – Critical evaluation and response. The student responds to and evaluates theatre and theatrical performances.

### 117.116 – Theatre, Grade 4

• b.5 – Critical evaluation and response. The student responds to and evaluates theatre and theatrical performances.