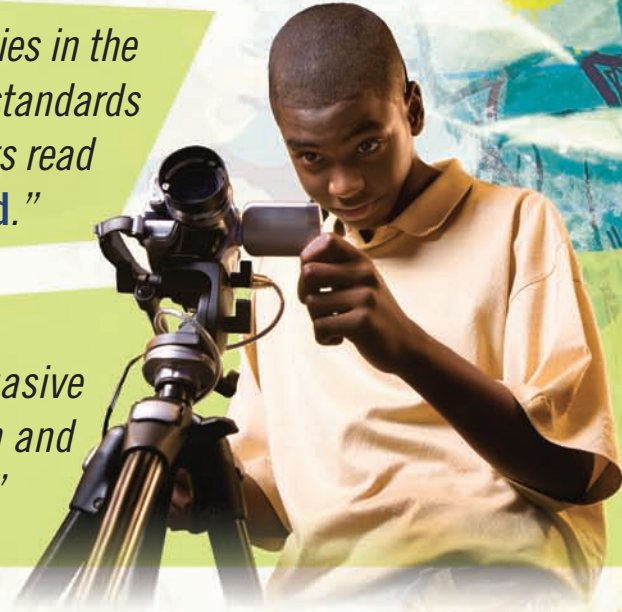


# The FUNNY, DOOFY WEIRDOS Jam



*"I used the differentiated learning activities in the Funny, Doofy Weirdos Jam to nail core standards like setting and theme while my students read popular novels like **Diary of a Wimpy Kid**."*

*"After I wrote my persuasive essay, I created a film and presented it in class."*



The **FUNNY, DOOFY WEIRDOS Jam** celebrates the differences that make people truly unique. The three novels in this Jam employ plenty of humor and engaging characters to keep your students turning pages.



#### The Funny, Doofy Weirdos Jam includes:

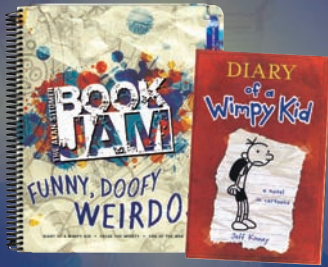
- 30 copies each of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney, *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick, and *Son of the Mob* by Gordon Korman
- A standards-based study guide for each novel that includes reproducible differentiated learning activities and both formative and summative assessments
- The Composition JamBox, an easy-to-use resource for assigning podcasts, slideshows, short movies, and other engaging multimedia projects

The Alan Sitomer BookJam is designed with today's students and teachers in mind. Written by a current Los Angeles, California teacher, BookJams integrate popular young adult literature with 21st-century skills.



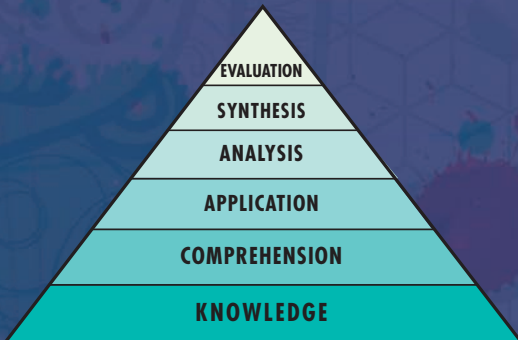
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BETTER RESULTS**

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The standards-based teacher guide focuses on the following core elements: Character, Setting, Theme, Plot, Symbolism, Imagery, Dialogue and Speech, Conflict, Perspective, Figurative Language, Denotation vs. Connotation, and Grammar

Based on Bloom's Taxonomy:



#### Take it to the Web!

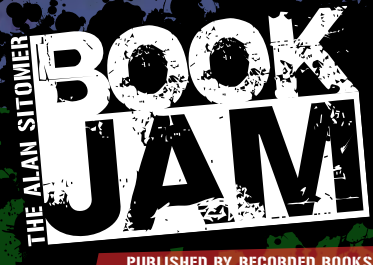
Add texture, depth, excitement and energy to standards-based teaching.

#### Connection to Nonfiction

Every BookJam includes nonfiction articles that connect to ideas and themes present in the novels. Sources include *TIME* magazine, *The New York Times*, *Psychology Today* and beyond.

#### Tests, Quizzes and Assessments

- A Combination of True/False and Multiple Choice Questions
- A Cloze Quiz (With 40 Blanks)
- Short Answer
- Quote ID
- Multiple Choice



## THE SIX-STEP RECIPE FOR NAILING THE STANDARDS

The following process guides each of the core literary elements taught in the BookJams:

**STEP 1: CITE** the Core Language Arts Standard

**STEP 2: DEFINE** the Key Literary Term

**STEP 3: EXEMPLIFY** the Standard

**STEP 4: GAUGE** the Standard

**STEP 5: NAIL** the Standard

**STEP 6: EXTEND, STRETCH, BUILD, AND ADVANCE** the Standard

## THE COMPOSITION JAMBOX

The projects in the Composition JamBox are standards-based, cutting edge, and focus on student engagement. Students in the 21st century are immersed in technology on a daily basis, and directing that knowledge and excitement into student projects like podcasts, slideshows, and short films has proven to yield excellent results. The BookJam lays the foundation by teaching the core language arts standards—but when it's time to take classroom learning to the next level—that's where Composition JamBox comes in.

With the tools in the Composition JamBox you can assign:

#### The Written Essay

- autobiographical outline and essay
- compare/contrast outline and essay
- expository outline and essay
- persuasive outline and essay



#### The Speech and Sound Composition

- give a speech
- create a podcast
- create an enhanced podcast



#### The Visual Imagery Composition

- create a posterboard project
- create a slideshow
- create a moving slideshow



#### Compositions with Motion

- stage a performance
- create a short movie
- make a film



**Note: All compositions include grading rubrics.**

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