

The HONOR Jam



*"My students were so engaged with the dynamic activities for **Maniac Magee** that they couldn't wait to check out the other titles in the **Honor Jam**."*

"It was exciting to show off the play I wrote, recorded, and edited with my group to the whole class."



The **HONOR Jam** features Newbery Honor-winning titles with protagonists in situations where staying true to themselves isn't easy. As the characters wrestle with difficult decisions, your students will learn that sometimes the right choice takes courage, maturity, and understanding.



The Honor Jam includes:

- 30 copies each of *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen, *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli and *The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- 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 Los Angeles, California teacher, **BookJams** integrate popular young adult literature with 21st-century skills.

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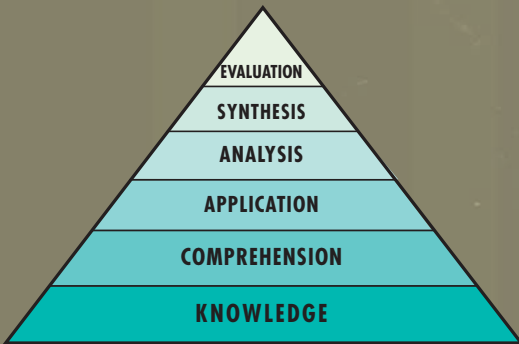
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BETTER RESULTS**

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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.

Connections 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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