



BUILDING PROJECT OPINION

Children build a book box, simple shelf or a 4 tier multi-purpose shelf and then write their opinion about the process!

NOTE: This lesson can address the following Common Core State Standards: CCSS.ELA.LITERACY.W.K.1, W.1.1, W.2.1, W.3.1, W.3.1.A, W.3.1.B, W.3.1.C, W.3.1.D, W.4.1, W.4.1.A, W.4.1.B, W.4.1.C, W.4.1.D, W.5.1, W.5.1.A, W.5.1.B, W.5.1.C and W.5.1.D.

Here's the lesson!

1. Tell the story line: "You just built a 4 tier multi-purpose (or book box, or simple shelf). Now you're going to write your opinion about the process.
2. Brainstorm. Give your students time to think about whether or not they liked building the shelf. Then, have them think of reasons why they did or did not.

For example, children might like the project for these reasons:

- Few materials, little time, easy, useful product
- Motivation to build more for myself or for family and friends
- Possibly sell shelves in the future

Or, children might not like the project for these reasons:

- Too loud, too hard, too long, useless
- I hit my thumb with the hammer and got hurt
- It made me sweaty
- It's not very fancy like the shelves you buy in the store

3. Show the 5 Sections:

Introduction/General Opinion
Materials
Building
Using the Shelf
Conclusion/Thoughts for the Future



Remember: K-1st Graders are encouraged to write 1 sentence for each section,
2nd Graders 2 sentences, 3rd Graders 3 sentences and so on.

Now to write!

Guide the students through the following steps so their story is organized and complete. They are free to write these ideas in their own words. (I've written examples in italics for your own guidance.)

1. First, begin by writing your general opinion about building the multi-purpose shelf. Feel free to engage the reader by asking questions or writing exclamations.

For example, a kindergartner or 1st Grader might write:

Do you like to build? I hate it! OR Do you like to build? I love it!

Or, a 5th Grader might write:

Do you like to build? Is your house cluttered with books or shoes? You might like to try building a 4 tier shelf. It's so easy. I loved building it and am so proud of myself!

2. Next, write your thoughts about the materials and tools. Were they simple and easy or heavy and difficult etc.?
3. Third, write your thoughts about the building part.
4. Next, write your thoughts about using the shelf in the future.
5. Lastly, write a conclusion. Restate your opinion. Write any thoughts you have about other building projects in the future. You can also encourage the reader to try to build the shelf or discourage the reader from doing so.