



Technology Integrated Novel Introductions

Below are some ideas in which you could use technology to introduce your students to a novel study.

Create a slide show using presentation software such as Corel Presentations to introduce a novel to your students. You may include some background information about the author, the era, and the setting. You could also include thought provoking social and moral questions raised in the novel and hold a class discussion based on the issues that arise.

Have the students use the Internet to research the era in which the story takes place. They could create slide shows to present what they discovered to the class.

Direct students to Internet sites that focus on the theme of your novel and have them produce a piece of creative writing. For example: If the theme of the novel is survival, students can be directed to an informational site on survival techniques and write a journal entry on 'how they survived in the wilderness'.

Students could use the Internet to find information about the author and create an 'author card' using a desktop publishing program. The teacher could create a templates for the students to access that includes information to be researched such as: date of birth, other books written by the author, biographical information, etc.

After previewing the cover and the back of the novel, use graphic organizing software such as *Smart Ideas* to create a prediction web.