Listen, Read, Watch Story Writing
Teachers Guide

Overview

In this lesson, students will construct a story based on the *3:15* short story series by Patrick Carman (www.315stories.com/). The short stories are called *3:15* stories because the reader does 3 things (listen, read, and watch) in about 15 minutes.   The project is best done in small groups, but can be done individually if necessary. One thing to remind the students is, although Patrick Carman's stories are spooky stories, the students' stories do not have to be scary.

Introduction

Introduce *3:15* stories using "Reflecting Pool" by Patrick Carman
- A digital copy of the story is included
- The listening and watching portion are accessible online
  · Audio and video files are included as a backup

Listening

For the listening part, student will record themselves reading the introduction of their story. Using audio editing software the students can add music or sound effects to the recording.   This introduction should not be longer than 2 minutes. If audio recording is not available, during the student's presentation, they can simply read the introduction aloud to the class.

Reading

For the reading part, students will write the middle of the story.   The reading portion should be between 2000 and 3000 words (4-6 pages typed single space).

Watching

For the watching part, students will create the conclusion to the story. There are several options for completing the watching portion. All the options should first be created on paper or computer. The final product will be acted out and/or videotaped. If videotaping is not available, students can act out the final scene during the presentation to the class. The conclusion to the story should last no longer than 5 minutes.

Here are some suggestions:
- Story Board
- Play/Movie Script
- Puppet Show
- Stop Motion Animation
- Flip Book

Presentation

After the students have completed their *3:15* stories, they will present them to the class.