

# War With Grandpa, The

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**Collections:** ARC-BC

**Subjects:** English Language Arts  
Grades 4-6

**Evaluation Date:** May 2010



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Social Considerations

# Resource Evaluation

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CURRICULUM FIT

Does the resource support BC curriculum?



Moderately

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SUGGESTED CLASSROOM  
USAGE

ESL, Literature Circles, Whole Class, Read Aloud/Discussion, Reluctant Readers.

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SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Violence

The grandfather slaps the boy, but they do not have an abusive relationship; this event adds drama and adds to the complexity of the grandfather's character; the characters have several interesting discussions re. the nature of war, and how to best solve conflicts.

Do the social considerations support, rather than detract from, student learning?




Extensively

GENERAL CONTENT


Content

Audience


**Is the content appropriate to the emotional maturity and cognitive level of students?**

 Extensively

**Does the resource provide opportunities for creative and critical thinking?**

 Extensively

**Is the language use appropriate to the emotional maturity and cognitive level of students?**

 Extensively

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## PRINT NOVEL

**Does the text show insight into the complexity of the human condition?**



Extensively

**Does the text broaden students' experiences and understanding?**



Extensively

**To what degree is this text stylistically rich?**



Extensively

### Plot description

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### Genre

- Contemporary

### Literary Highlights

- Point of view

### Type

- Novel

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## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

### Reading Level

- At intended grade level(s)

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## GRADES AND SUBJECTS

### Subjects

- English Language Arts: 4-6
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