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## Fourth Grade Research Paper Topics

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*The Work Sampling System* ABC-CLIO

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*A Comprehensive Curriculum* Stenhouse  
Publishers

Used world-wide as a definitive technology

curriculum, this six-volume series (Fourth Edition, 2011) is the all-in-one solution to running an effective, efficient, and fun technology program whether you re the lab specialist, IT coordinator, classroom teacher, or homeschooler. It is the choice of hundreds of school districts across the country, private schools nationwide and teachers around the world. Each volume includes step-by-step directions for a year's worth of projects, samples, grading rubrics, reproducibles, wall posters, teaching ideas and hundreds of online connections to access enrichment material and updates from a working technology lab. Aligned with ISTE national technology standards, the curriculum follows a tested timeline of which skill to introduce when, starting with mouse skills, keyboarding,

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computer basics, and internet/Web 2.0 tools in Kindergarten/First; MS Word, Publisher, Excel, PowerPoint, Google Earth, internet research, email and Photoshop in Second/Fifth. Each activity is integrated with classroom units in history, science, math, literature, reading, writing, critical thinking and more. Whether you're an experienced tech teacher or brand new to the job, you'll appreciate the hundreds of embedded links that enable you to stay on top of current technology thinking and get help from active technology teachers using the program. Extras include wall posters to explain basic concepts, suggestions for keyboarding standards, discussion of how to integrate Web 2.0 tools into the classroom curriculum and the dozens of online websites to support classroom subjects.

### Learning Journals in the K-8 Classroom International Society for Technology in Education

Summary: "This book brings together case study examples in the fields of sustainability, sustainable development, and education for sustainable development"--

A Five-year Summary, July 1, 1956-Sept., 30, 1961 W. W. Norton & Company

The purpose and objectives of this qualitative teacher research (Hubbard,

Power, 1993) is to explore my teaching by examining the purposeful writing of my students as I consider the following questions:1. How does a teacher actualize a system of beliefs in a specific classroom context?2. How do fourth grade children evolve as writers over the school year?3. How is writing measured on district developed benchmark writing tests and the Georgia Criterion Referenced Competency Test?4. What are fourth grade children's perspectives on purposeful writing?I teach from a humanistic perspective (Rogers, 1980) and these principles lead me to emphasize purposeful writing, which I define as writing that has its roots in topics and feelings the writer cares about, and writing experiences that have a clear function and audience. I analyzed the students' writing using a 6-trait 4-point writing rubric. Authentic assessment at the state and district level was not provided for the children and writing ability was not measured authentically other than in the classroom. Major conclusions of this study include:1. Purposeful writing increased children's enjoyment of writing;2. Student oral presentations of prewriting are an effective method for the revision and editing of their written work;3. Written language is a tool for self-expression. This tool should be applied in ways that encourage learners to develop and define themselves;4. Students were most satisfied with the inquiry projects that encouraged them to answer their own questions;5. In light of increased feedback, students were more willing to rework their papers multiple times to develop a clear message;6. In response to a desired connection with peers, students chose to communicate more in writing;7. Students worked at and valued the art of storytelling and presentation of material that mattered;8. Students took more risks in their writing; and9. Reflecting on student writing provided many opportunities to actualize my belief system as a teacher in the classroom.

### *Strategies for Informational Writing* Turtleback

Fourth grade is a momentous year for literacy learning. Having left the primary grades behind, students must grapple with more demanding texts and content material--and effective, motivating instruction can help them succeed. This book helps teachers vanquish the dreaded

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"fourth-grade slump" by creating an energized and organized learning environment in which all students can improve their reading and writing strategies. Taking readers into the classroom of an exemplary fourth-grade teacher, the book includes useful assessment tools, differentiation techniques, mini lessons, unit plans, reproducibles, and examples of student work. Special attention is given to meeting the challenges of high-stakes testing without sacrificing instructional quality.

**Cultivating Curious and Creative Minds** Shell Education

Becoming a Literacy Leader chronicles the work of Jennifer Allen, an elementary teacher who moved to a new school and a new job as a literacy specialist, and found herself tackling everything from teacher study groups to state-mandated assessment plans. The book is rooted in Jennifer's belief that teachers know what they need when it comes to professional development in literacy, and the best literacy leaders are those who listen to and respect the educators in their midst. Grounded in research but thoroughly practical, Jennifer shares advice on: organizing a literacy room with resources for classroom teachers, including book lists, bins of children's books tied to craft and strategy lessons, bulletin board ideas, and files with instructional materials; developing intervention classrooms for struggling readers and writers built on collaboration between teachers and literacy specialists; setting up assessment notebooks for teachers, and preparing new and veteran teachers for student assessments across grades; creating model programs for dealing with schoolwide problems like reading fluency, and then moving from the pilot to implementation in many classrooms; coaching new and veteran teachers in the latest literacy practices, without taking on the role of expert; analyzing and using books, videos and journals in professional development programs; infusing routine staff meetings with

discussions of new literacy curricula; leading teacher study groups using a variety of formats; finding and budgeting money for professional development programs in literacy; protecting time and scheduling priorities, to ensure the literacy specialist position doesn't become a "catch-all" for the random needs of teachers or administrators. At a time when all administrators are urged to be literacy leaders, this insider's view helps to define what leadership looks like and shows how to create an environment that fosters professional development. Jennifer Allen shares the balance leaders struggle with, as they strive to support and honor the fine practices of teachers, even as they nudge colleagues to improve their literacy instruction. Ultimately, *Becoming a Literacy Leader* is a hopeful book, an optimistic and realistic portrait of life in schools among teachers committed to doing their jobs well.

**The Role of Teachers and Teacher Educators** Oxford University Press

Create an active learning environment in grades K-12 using the 5E inquiry-based science model! Featuring a practical guide to implementing the 5E model of instruction, this resource clearly explains each "E" in the 5E model of inquiry-based science. It provides teachers with practical strategies for stimulating inquiry with students and includes lesson ideas. Suggestions are provided for encouraging students to investigate and advance their understanding of science topics in meaningful and engaging ways. This resource supports core concepts of STEM instruction.

**Research Projects of the Cooperative Research Program** Guilford Publications

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information on how to establish and manage daily Writer's Workshop and includes consistent, structured instruction to encourage students to actively participate in the writing process. Specific lessons to help students develop the traits of quality writing are also included. This resource develops college and career readiness skills and is aligned to today's standards.

*Schooling and the Public Interest* Structured Learning LLC

A guide to bringing nonfiction into the curriculum in third through eighth-grade classrooms, with strategies and ideas for reading nonfiction, conducting research, and writing reports.

**Resources in Education** Rowman & Littlefield

Ignite creativity by weaving Web 2.0 tools into the classroom. In this expanded and fully updated edition, the authors of the best-selling *Web 2.0: New Tools, New Schools* introduce you to more collaborative tools and expertly lead you through classroom and professional applications that help expand student and teacher learning.

*A Guide for Using Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing in the Classroom* Scholastic Inc.

WritingGrade 4Kumon Pub North America LimitedHandbook of Research on Pedagogical Innovations for Sustainable DevelopmentIGI Global

**Nonfiction Matters** Corwin Press

With a strategy-builder chart for reinvesting and reallocating dollars, this unique resource applies brain research to the budgeting process to make decision making more objective.

*Nonfiction Notebooks* Guilford Press

To fully prepare K-12 students for life and career, connect with your community! Benefit from the triple win of community-based learning—meaningful curriculum, engaged

students, and stronger local partnerships for education. This helpful guide shows readers how to create a thriving program, including: Implementing a high-quality, sustainable initiative that bridges academic disciplines Forging rewarding relationships with local partners, from major employers to small businesses and community groups Recognizing and overcoming common barriers to program effectiveness, while making the best use of resources and time Applying best practices from today's community-based learning programs, illustrated by case studies and examples Getting to the Core of Writing: Essential Lessons for Every Fourth Grade Student IGI Global

The *Conscious Teacher* is about all kinds of strategies and techniques educators might employ to become more effective teachers. In an accessible, conversational style, Deborah Nichols Poulos presents unique approaches to teaching that will inspire new and veteran teachers alike. She begins with her personal story of not being able to read all through elementary school. Her early failures convinced her she was dumb. At first, she struggled, but when she still failed, she adopted an avoidance strategy that served her well until junior high. An experience in the seventh grade flipped a switch and started her on a journey to becoming an outstanding student and, later, to applying the lessons she learned as a child to her own teaching What makes The *Conscious Teacher* unique are the inspirational lessons that are unlike what most teachers get in their teacher-education courses or student teaching. Ms. Nichols Poulos points out,

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for example, that from the very first day, it is important that students learn they will be treated with dignity and respect no matter what. And especially helpful are the steps Ms. Nichols Poulos employs to set up a behavior management plan that works. She explains the strategic steps she takes before school starts—how essential it is to get to know each student before they walk into class on that first day. She also illustrates how setting up classroom routines helps students know what to expect and how to make the best use of every minute. And she emphasizes the importance of the parent-student-teacher team and includes many examples of how to communicate with—and involve—parents, even those who may be difficult. Foundational to her program are reading and writing. Among other things, she lays out the steps for students—even as early as fourth grade—to write five paragraph essays and their own student-authored books, and to research and write reports that include bibliographies. When she differentiated curriculum to support all students' needs, she found their learning accelerated. All teachers will appreciate her ideas about how to teach the basics of math, as well as advanced math concepts. And her ideas for teaching the arts are inspirational, as she describes in detail how her fourth graders performed Shakespeare's Hamlet, Macbeth, King Lear, Julius Caesar, and A Midsummer Night's Dream. She also shows how to integrate social studies with literature and writing. Her experiences taught her that young students are much more capable than many people realize. The

Conscious Teacher is an indispensable guide for all new teachers. Many of the ideas Ms. Nichols Poulos provides will also be an eye-opener for parents and experienced teachers as well. The Conscious Teacher is simply a must have for anyone truly interested in giving young children a positive and solid foundation for their later schooling.

*A Resource Book* Stenhouse Publishers

"Explains how writer's notebooks can help students improve their nonfiction writing--reports, articles, memoirs, essays, and so forth--which has taken on even greater importance because of the emphasis the Common Core State Standards place on informative/explanatory writing. As Aimee explains, the prewriting work a student does is particularly important when writing informational pieces. Writer's notebooks help students capture their thoughts, develop ideas, explore mentor texts, refine a research strategy, and play with multiple outcomes--all of which lead to stronger concepts and better first drafts. Greater emphasis on the front end of the writing process also saves time and energy at the revision and editing stages. From exploring topics to gathering information to assessment, Nonfiction Notebooks takes teachers step-by-step through the process of how best to use notebooks for informational writing. Grades 3-8"--Back cover.

Teaching with the Common Core Standards for English Language Arts, Grades 3-5 Kumon Pub North America Limited

"The Common Core State Standards (CCSS) are the first academic standards to be independently adopted by almost every state in the country. The purpose and intent of the Common Core standards for

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English Language Arts (ELA), as well as Literacy in History/Social Studies and Science education, are the focus of this book. This volume is aimed at educators, administrators, graduate students, university professors, and others who deal with students in grades 3 through 5. Each of the chapters addresses one of the major English Language Arts domains: literature, informational texts, foundational skills, writing, speaking and listening, language, technology, and assessment. They contain invaluable information, insight, and research from literacy leaders in their respective fields. Their objective is twofold: to provide a theoretical background and detailed explanation of each of the CCSS/ELA standards, as well as practical suggestions, classroom vignettes, models, instructional resources, and unit ideas to implement the standards"--

*Getting to the Core of Writing: Essential Lessons for Every Fourth Grade Student* Teacher Created Materials

A resource book for teachers of world history at all levels. The text contains individual sections on art, gender, religion, philosophy, literature, trade and technology. Lesson plans, reading and multi-media recommendations and suggestions for classroom activities are also provided.

**Web 2.0 How-to for Educators, 2nd Edition** Corwin Press

Stanley applies the same user-friendly format that made her popular guide to teaching the six steps of the research process to high school students such a success. In this new volume geared toward middle school students, field-tested lessons, anecdotes, reproducible charts and templates, and research ideas all work together to transform the research process into bite-size steps that are both adaptable to various teaching styles and not overwhelming for students. By applying Stanley's methods you'll be pursuing education reforms including integrating technology, improving information literacy, teaching critical thinking, modeling collaborative instruction, and adapting research for second language learners and learning disabled

students.

**Teaching Literacy in Fourth Grade** Teacher Created Materials

The allure and marketplace power of digital technologies continues to hold sway over the field of education with billions spent annually on technology in the United States alone. Literacy instruction at all levels is influenced by these evolving and ever-changing tools. While this opens the door to innovations in literacy curricula, it also adds a pedagogical responsibility to operate within a well-developed conceptual framework to ensure instruction is complemented or augmented by technology and does not become secondary to it. The Handbook of Research on Integrating Digital Technology With Literacy Pedagogies is a comprehensive research publication that considers the integration of digital technologies in all levels of literacy instruction and prepares the reader for inevitable technological advancements and changes. Covering a wide range of topics such as augmented reality, literacy, and online games, this book is essential for educators, administrators, IT specialists, curriculum developers, instructional designers, teaching professionals, academicians, researchers, education stakeholders, and students.

**Exploring Ideas and information in the Content Areas** IAP

This book offers parents a resource they can use to navigate their child's education, communicate with teachers, and support their children in learning mathematics and literacy. After providing an overview of the current educational climate and tips for communication with teachers, we share strategies and suggestions parents can

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use to assist their children in language arts and mathematics. We provide detailed descriptions of activities, games, books, and conversations that connect with what children will be learning at each grade level.