Kurzweil 3000

In exploring Kurzweil 3000, I can see its application in many ways for students in a classroom. For this assignment, I would like to present an outline for a Novel Study that uses Kurzweil as the primary delivery method, as well as the primary way students creates their assignments.

Grade 5 Classroom

Classroom make up: students of varied ability, skills, and needs.

Introduction to Kurzweil 3000 for students: Go over basic functions of the program with students. Have them follow along and test out different things that the program can do to help with reading and writing – specifically definitions while listening to books, taking notes, how to use some of the templates, and how to operate the program.

Introduce Novel on Kurzweil: Instead of reading the novel together as a class, students will be reading the novel on Kurzweil, at their own pace, with the program to help them.

Analyzing Fiction Template introduction: create a book outline using this template. Work with students to help fill out basic pieces, play around with manipulating the size of the boxes, etc.

In reading the book, students will be asked to pick from the draft templates, to create 3 paragraphs helping to explain different areas of the book. Some possible options would be Cause and Effect, Compare Paragraph, Contrast Paragraph, description Emotion or Feeling, Problems and Solutions, Summary Level 1. They will finish the book by creating a book report for the book, also using a template.

In using Kurzweil as the method of doing a Novel Study, students are given the chance to read the book at their own pace and have an easy to follow along method of reading, which will benefit students of all reading levels. Students will also be given help in organizing and creating the output for their novel study.

By teaching a novel study in this way, I believe it would give all students an additional tool to use in the future when putting together output in school.