

Istation Presents the "World of Genres" for Lectura Avanzada (4th and 5th Grade)





Istation Español is expanding its curriculum! Lectura Avanzada introduces students to the essential features of fiction and nonfiction genres. As students explore the Land of the Past (Pasado), they will encounter four different genres: plays, biographies/ autobiographies, myths/legends, and informative articles.

The Student Experience





Upon entering the World of Genres, students will begin designing their unique avatar. Students then visit the lands of the past, present, and future to read various passages of different genres. Selections include plays, poems, and expository texts. At the end of a lesson, students can track their own progress. Students will also receive coins to exchange for rewards based on their performance.

- · Lesson on plays (Obras teatrales); fiction
- Lesson on biographies (Biografías y Autobiografías); nonfiction
- Arriving May 2017 (Tierra del pasado/Land of the Past only):

 - Lesson on myths and legends (Mitos y Leyendas); fiction
 Lesson on informative articles (Artículos informativos); nonfiction

Lesson Structure











1) Intro to Lesson with visuals:

The lesson's intro begins with an instructional hook with fun and engaging compare-and-contrast illustrations. Note- and test-taking skills are modeled, and tips and notes are embedded within each mini-lesson.

2) Teach with audio and visuals:

Visual and auditory corrective feedback is incorporated throughout the Teach portion of the lesson. The instruction is differentiated across grade levels. Teaching tools include graphic organizers, T-Charts, Venn diagrams, and compare-and-contrast illustrations.

3) Guided Practice with short reads:

Both fiction (play) and nonfiction (biography) reading selections appear in each lesson along with a graphic organizer. Students are tasked with comparing the themes of the two genres.

4) Independent Practice and Quiz:

Questions follow a standardized test format. Three sub-quizzes contain six questions that assess vocabulary and comprehension skills and two questions in which the student must compare and contrast the readings (for a total of eight questions per quiz). Other features include a question progress bar and a speaker button to hear the question read aloud. Audiovisual feedback is provided after each answer.

5) Reteach with a new selection and game:

If a high performance score isn't achieved, then students see a reteach section that provides reinforcement. First, they see a review of the genre's characteristics. Then they practice applying their knowledge of vocabulary and genres. Finally, they read a new nonfiction selection and answer some questions following the same scheme as in the independent practice.







